Annual Report

of the

TOWN OFFICES

of the Town of

DIGHTON

Year Ending December 31, 1997

Financial Transactions

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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS
March 3, 1997

	ADDRESS	TEL. NO.	TERM EXPIRES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN			
Gene E. Nelson, Chairman	1580 Stanzione Dr.	824-0960	2000
Frank G. Costa, Clerk	900 Somerset Ave.	669-5327	1998
Robert G. Perry	1531 Stanzione Dr.	824-2991	1999
TOWN CLERK			
Brenda A. Herbeck	519 Tremont St.	822-3108	1998
TOWN TREASURER			
Brenda A. Herbeck	519 Tremont St.	822-3108	1998
TOWN COLLECTOR			
Brenda A. Herbeck	519 Tremont St.	822-3108	1998
TOWN MODERATOR			
William E. McKeon, Jr.	2308 Pleasant St.	669-6340	1998
BOARD OF ASSESSORS			
David J. Long, Chairman	229 Forest St.	824-0820	1998
Joseph Silva, Jr., Clerk	1668 Pine St.	669-5606	2000
Pauline A. Smith	515 Main St.	669-6190	1999
TREE WARDEN			
Thomas Ferry	741 Main St.	669-5709	1998
DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE			
Howard J. Horsman	782 Wheeler St.	822-3882	2000
Lisa Gay	1850 Pinchill Rd.	669-6408	2000
Kathleen M. Borrello (res.7/17/97-term to expire 1999)			
Leonard Hull (appt. 8/6/97 until 1998 election)			
	760 Main St.	669-5095	1998
Janice M. Terry	66 Walker St.	823-1194	1999
Katherine A. Holt	850 Oak St.	252-6858	1998
PLANNING BOARD			
William Costa, Chairman	683 Somerset Ave.	669-5719	1999
William S. Silvia, Vice Chair.	1327 Susan Rd.		1998
Bruce M. Murphy	238 Chase St.	822-7445	2002
Thomas J. Andrews	564 School St.	823-6724	2001
Michael M. Hagopian	48 Forest St.	823-4123	2000

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Robert N. Gay, Chairman	1850 Pinehill Rd.	669-6408	1998
Lynn A. Dupont	240 Country Hill Dr.	669-5157	2000
Karen M. Rose	910 Somerset Ave.	669-5115	1999

PLAYGROUND COMMISSIONERS

Judith I. Brown, Chairman	787 Prospect St.	824-2158	1999
William A. Mello	1028 Somerset Ave.	669-6105	2000
Cindy Clark	1544 Williams St.	669-6895	1998

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Frank G. Costa, Chairman	900 Somerset Ave.	669-5827	2002
Joan LaFrance	488 Spring St.	822-4700	2001
Alice E. Souza	1679 Elm St.	669-5776	1999
Osman D. Crotty	257 Lincoln Ave.	824-4522	1998
James F. Maguire, State Appointee (appt. 10/16/96)			
	826 Prospect St.		3/18/1999

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Neil L. Sousa, Chairman	250 Forest St.	822-2377	1999
Roberta M. Perry, Clerk	63 Summer St.	824-7892	1998
Richard F. Simmons	214 Lincolm Ave.	822-6791	2000

JULY 09, 1997
1998 SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS

Fence Viewers: ..... David Long
Joseph Silva, Jr.
Pauline Smith
Civil Defense Director: ..... Ronald O'Connor
Agents to Board of Health: ..... Alice Souza
Brenda Herbeck
Joan Silvia
Joseph Hathaway
Burial Agent: ..... Arthur Morton
Inspector of Animals: ..... Paul Hoffshire
William Frenette
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health: ..... Annette Wertz
Harbormaster: ..... Nicholas Santore
Assistant Harbormaster ..... Ronald Marino
Director of Veterans Services: ..... Robert G. Perry
Veterans Agent: ..... Barbara Albert
Graves Officer: ..... Walter Miller
Supt. of Insect Pest Control: ..... Thomas Ferry
Dog Officer: ..... William Frenette
Agent to the Board: ..... Joseph Lawrence
Auctioneer: ..... Brenda Herbeck
Special Police Officer, B.C.A.S.: ..... George Oliveira
Gas Appliance Inspector: ..... Donald French
Sanitation Agent: ..... Richard Bellavance
Associate Inspector of Wires: ..... Thomas Johnson
Inspector of Wires: ..... Joseph Rapoza
Plumbing Inspector: ..... Donald French
Associate Plumbing Inspector:
Building Inspector: ..... Joseph Lawrence
Associate Building Inspector:
Constables: ..... Brenda Herbeck, Ronald O'Connor,
Everett McGovern, Antone Katon,
Fred W. Bopp, Robert N. Lee 8/17/94
D-R Regional High School Special Police Officer: ..... Stephen Martin
Conservation Commission: ..... William Frenette
Charles Mello, Frances Crawford, James Digits, Nicholas Santore
Council on Aging: ..... Harold Mendoza
Rosebelle Boucher, Mary Rebello, Dr. James Hoye
Leo Lake, Hilda M. Brown
Dr. Walter Johnson, Lou McQuesten
Historical Commission: ..... Elaine Varley
Jeff Philbrook, William Grover
Catherine Yelle, Fred Woodcock, Colette McKeon

Town Forest Committee: ..... William Andrews
Charles Leonard, Philip Rines
Bridge Tender: ..... William Ferry
Assistant Bridge Tender: ..... George Lavigne
Sealer of Weights and Measures: ..... Michael Duddy
Cemetery Commission: ..... Arthur Morton
Elaine Varley, Tom Ferry
Town Counsel: ..... Peter B. Gay & firm of Gay & Gay
Board of Appeals: ..... Joseph P. Pacheco '99
Stephen Gilbert '99, Michael Duddy '98
Richard Puccini '97, Fred Thompson '97
David Araujo '98
Town Accountant: 3 year Appt. 1998 ..... Janice Boucher
SRPEDD Representative: ..... E. K. Balaschak
JTPB SRPEDD:
Alternate JTPB SRPEDD: ..... Paul DeMoura
Local Arts Council: ..... Karen Rose 9/15/93
Alberta Hamilton, Rachel Mello 9/15/93
Charlene Hirschy, Nancy James 4/13/94
Municipal Coordinator-Right to Know: ..... Jeffrey Allie
Assoc.Municipal Coordinator-Right to Know:
Disaster Committee: ..... Jeffrey Allie
Alice Souza, James Ready, Gary Sanson
Ronald O'Connor, Gene Nelson
Paul DeMoura, Frank G. Costa, Robert G. Perry
Handicapped Committee: ..... Frank G. Costa
Alice Souza, Mary Jane Kingsland
Cable Television Committee: ..... Edward Olney
James Ready, Roberta Perry
William Spring
Soil Conservation Commission: ..... Joseph Hathaway
Robert G. Perry. Frank G. Costa, Gene Nelson
Solid Waste Disposal Committee: ..... Paul DeMoura
David Neely, Nicholas Santore
Russell Levinson, Charles Mello, Robert G. Perry
Frank G. Costa, Gene Nelson, Sandy Conaty, Holly Dewhirst
Finance Adivsory Committee for school:
District & elementary Advisory Committee: ..... Judith Keegan
Town Historian: ..... Elaine Varley
Industrial Development Committee: ..... Mary Pacheco
Sandy Conaty, William Silvia

POLICE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS

Chief:	Acting Chief Gary T. Sanson	
Sergeants:	Robert L. MacDonald	Michael F. Rose
Patrolmen:	James A. Lavigne	Samuel D. Pine
	Douglas P. Roy	Charles A. Brown
	Edward F. Dutra, Jr.	David P. McGuirk
Reserve Officers:	Kirk Mumford	Gary R. Olney
	Paul R. Reed, Jr.	William Rasmussen III
	William Perry	Valerie Costa
	*Frank Sylvia, Jr.	*Delfin Diosomito
	*James Duddy	*Cory Medeiros
	*Wayne Rasmussen	*John-Paul Batista
	Roger Duarte	Jo-Anne Webster
	Scott Labonte	Jerome Coelho

Upon successfully completing the M.C.J.T.C. Police Academy for Reserve Officers, and the department training evaluation, and one (1) year probation period.

Equal Opportunity Officer: ..... Frank G. Costa
Parking Clerk: ..... Harold Gracia

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

As of June 30, 1997, there were 3,544 voters, of which 1,085 were Democrats, 473 were Republicans, 1973 were Unenrolled (no party affiliation), and 13 were of other designations. The total population was 6,098.

I would like to again thank my staff for their hard work and dedication. Each year laws change and technology changes and keeping up with these changes has become more and more challenging. In our efforts to become more computer knowledgeable, Joan Silvia, Pam Waller and I have been attending a computer course that includes instruction on the Microsoft Office Professional products. Joan and I attended classes on report writing at the DOR office in Boston using the Tax Administration software. Joan is very proficient using that program for all phases of tax administration. Pam has become very competent on the Voter Registration Information System (VRIS) software, which is for voter/census information. This system, our State's means of conforming to the Federal "Motor Voter" Law, connects all cities and towns in the State to a central office in Boston. In November of 1996 I was able to add a part-time employee, Betty Kenny, to the staff. In December having met all the requirements of the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association and having passed the examination, I was awarded my Certificate designating me as Certified Massachusetts Municipal Collector.

I would like to again thank my staff for their hard work and dedication. I would like to thank Paul DeMoura and the Highway Department for sprucing up this office last winter and for their continued cooperation and help with election equipment. I would like to thank the staff and students at the Dighton Elementary School for their cooperation during elections. Also, I would like to thank all town departments for their help and cooperation, especially the staff and members of the Board of Assessors and the Town Accountant and her clerk, with whom we work very closely.

Brenda A. Herbeck
Town Treasurer/Collector/Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MARCH 3, 1997

The regular Annual Town Meeting for the Election of officers for the Town of Dighton was held at the Dighton Elementary School on March 3, 1997 on warrant dated February 5, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. Brenda A. Herbeck, Town Clerk. The balloting was under the supervision of Elaine Varley, Warden, Joan Ready, Clerk, JoAnne Fletcher, Selvina Dutra, Charlotte Ashworth, Roberta Perry, Louise Catabia, Carol Zucco, Adele Rose, Mary Perry, Edith Lawrence, and Michael Duddy.

The polls were closed at 8:00 P.M. and the total number of votes cast Six Hundred Seventy Three. The ballots having been assorted and counted the result was declared as follows:

Selectman for Three Years

Gene E. Nelson	408	
Joseph T. White	243	
Scattering	2	
Blanks	20	673

Gene E. Nelson declared elected

Town Moderator for One Year

William E. McKeon, Jr.	488	
Blanks	185	673

William E. McKeon, Jr. declared elected

Assessor for Three Years

Joseph Silva, Jr.	479	
Blanks	194	673

Joseph Silva, Jr. declared elected

Tree Warden for One Year

Thomas C. Ferry	510	
Blanks	163	673

Thomas C. Ferry declared elected

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School Committee for Three Years

Lisa A. Gay	388	
Howard J. Horsman	261	
Anthony P. Nunes	234	
Blanks	463	1346

Lisa A. Gay declared elected
Howard J. Horsman declared elected

Planning Board for Five Years

Bruce M. Murphy	484	
Blanks	189	673

Bruce M. Murphy declared elected

Library Trustee for Three Years

Lynn Dupont (write-in candidate)	10	
Patrick Menges (write-in candidate)	1	
Rosemarie Buote (write-in candidate)	1	
Blanks	661	673

Lynn Dupont declared elected

Playground Commissioner for One Year

Cindy Lee Clark	467	
Blanks	206	673

Cindy Lee Clark declared elected

Playground Commissioner for Three Years

William Mello	457	
Blanks	216	673

William Mello declared elected

Dighton Housing Authority Member for Five Years

Frank G. Costa	449	
Blanks	224	673

Frank G. Costa declared elected

Sewer Commissioner for Three Years

Richard F. Simmons	474	
Blanks	199	673

Richard F. Simmons declared elected

THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 2, 1997

The Annual Town Meeting held on June 2, 1997 at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School was called to order at 7:34 P.M. by William McKeon, Jr., Moderator. Checkers were Elaine Varley, Mary Perry and Joan Ready. Total attendance was 146.

VOTED: On motion of Gene Nelson to dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

VOTED: On motion of Gene Nelson to dispense with the reading of the Articles and reference to them be made by number and content.

VOTED: On motion of Gene Nelson to consider adjournment at 11:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1. VOTED: On motion of Frank Costa to hear a report of the Finance Committee and a statement of the Board of Assessors, School Committee and the Board of Selectmen regarding tonight's warrant and that the report of the Town Officials as printed and published in the Annual Town Report Book be accepted.

Ernest Silvia, Jr. from the Finance Committee presented overheads of the Committee's goals. He compared Dighton's tax rate with rates in other towns and states that Dighton has the fourth highest tax rate in Bristol County. The Finance Committee's aim was to hold the tax rate at the current level.

For the Board of Assessors, David Long remarked that the tax therefore Dighton's rank as the fourth highest may go down.

Gene Nelson, for the Board of Selectmen, asked for support in passing the articles relating to the landfill closure. He stated that the Board concurs with the Finance Committee with respect to holding the tax rate at the current level.

Willaim Costa, for the Planning Board, asked for support for the Board's revolving fund and for the zoning by-law amendments.

VOTES: On motion of Gene Nelson to accept the reports as given.

ARTICLE 2. VOTED: On motion of Robert Perry that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint all necessary Town Officers and Town Committees not otherwise provided for by statute.

ARTICLE 3. No committee, no report. (Five-Year Capitol Outlay Committee)

ARTICLE 4. Voted: On motion of Frank Costa that the salaries of elected Town Officials as appropriated within department Accounts be established for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 1998.

Board of Assessors		
Chairman	$19,991.00	
Members (2)	2,923.50	
each	5,847.00	Total
Board of Selectmen		
Chairman	$6,914.00	
Member	5,279.00	
Member	4,223.00	
Tree Warden	$162.00	
Moderator	316.00	
Town Clerk	12,627.00	
Town Collector	12,627.00	
Town Treasurer	12,627.00	
Planning Board		
Chairman	$897.00	
Members (4)	597.50	
each	3,390.00	Total
Sewer Commission		
Chairman	$2,024.00	
Members (2)	1,343.50	
each	2,687.00	Total

ARTICLE 5. Voted: On motion of Gene Nelson that the Town raise and appropriate and or transfer monies by account for the FY ending June 30, 1998

ARTICLES UNDER ARTICLE 5

01-113 TOWN MEETING
VOTED: On motion of Gene Nelson that the Town raise and appropriate $922.00 for the Town Meeting Account.

01-114 MODERATOR
VOTED: On motion of Frank Costa that the Town raise and appropriate $316.00 for the Moderator Account.

01-122 BOARD OF SELECTMEN
VOTED: On motion of Robert Perry that the Town raise and appropriate $65,079.00 for the Board of Selectmen Account. Of this amount $100.00 to be set aside for the out of state travel.

01-131 FINANCE COMMITTEE
VOTED: On motion of Gene Nelson that the Town raise and appropriate $2,786.00 for the Finance Committee Account.

01-132 RESERVE FUND
VOTED: On motion of Frank Costa that the Town raise and appropriate $15,000.00 for the Reserve Fund.

01-135 ACCOUNTANT
VOTED: On motion of Robert Perry that the Town raise and appropriate $34,691.00 for the Accountant Account.

01-141 ASSESSORS
VOTED: On motion of David Long that the Town raise and appropriate $67,110.00 for the Assessors Account.

01-145 TREASURER
VOTED: On motion of Brenda Herbeck that the Town raise and appropriate $40,397.00 for the Treasurer Account.

01-146 COLLECTOR
VOTED: On motion of Brenda Herbeck that the Town raise and appropriate #37,110.00 for the Collector Account.

01-151 LAW (TOWN COUNSEL)
VOTED: On motion of Gene nelson that the Town raise and appropriate $10,000.00 for the Law (town counsel) Account.

01-155 DATA PROCESSING
VOTED AS AMENDED: On motion of Gene Nelson that the Town raise and appropriate $2,900.00 for the Data Processing Account.
Voted: On motion of William Hogan to amend from $3,900.00 to $2,900.00.

01-158 TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE
VOTED: On motion of Brenda Herbeck that the Town raise and appropriate $10,000.00 for the Tax Title Foreclosure Account.

01-161 TOWN CLERK
VOTED: On motion of Brenda Herbeck that the town raise and appropriate $31,737.00 for the Town Clerk Account.

01-162 ELECTIONS
VOTED: On motion that the Town raise and appropriate $1,855.00 for the Election Account.

01-163 REGISTRATION
VOTED: On motion of Brenda Herbeck that the Town raise and appropriate $3,310.00 for the Registration Account.

01-171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION
VOTED: On motion of William Costa that the Town raise and appropriate $18.560.00 for the Planning Board Account.

01-176 BOARD OF APPEALS

VOTED AS AMENDED: On motion of Robert Perry that the Town raise and appropriate $660.00 for the Board of Appeals Account.

Voted: On motion of William Hogan to amend from $1,160.00 to 660.00.

01-192 PUBLIC BUILDINGS

VOTED: On motion of Gene Nelson that the Town raise and appropriate $25,404.00 for the Public Buildings Account.

01-193 BUILDING INSURANCE

VOTED: On motion of Frank Costa that the Town raise and appropriate $35,000.00 for the Building Insurance Account.

01-195 TOWN REPORTS

VOTED: On motion of Robert Perry that the Town raise and appropriate $3,400.00 for the Town Report Account.

01-210 POLICE

VOTED: On motion of Gary Sanson that the Town raise and appropriate $465,720.00 for the Police Department Account.

01-215 COMMUNICATION CENTER

VOTED: On motion of Deborah Gagnon that the Town raise and appropriate $99,360.00 for the Communication Center Account.

01-220 FIRE

VOTED: On motion of Thomas Medeiros that the Town raise and appropriate $311,776.00 for the Fire Department Account.

Defeated: On motion of William Hogan to amend to $308,222.00.

Voted: Motion to allow Fire Chief Jeff Allie to speak for the Fire Department.

01-241 BUILDING INSPECTOR

VOTED: On motion of Gene Nelson that the Town raise and appropriate $12,663.00 for the Building Inspector Account.

01-242 GAS INSPECTOR

VOTED: On motion of Frank Costa that the Town raise and appropriate $700.00 for the Gas Inspector Account.

01-243 PLUMBING INSPECTOR

VOTED: On motion of Robert Perry that the Town raise and appropriate $3,000.00 for the Plumbing Inspector Account.

01-244 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

VOTED: On motion of Gene Nelson that the Town raise and appropriate $732.00 for the Weights and Measures Account.

01-245 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

VOTED: On motion of Frank Costa that the Town raise and appropriate $4,000.00 for the Electrical Inspector Account.

01-291 CIVIL DEFENSE

VOTED: On motion of Robert Perry that the Town raise and appropriate $1,495.00 for the Civil Defense Account.

01-292 DOG OFFICER

VOTED: On motion of William Frenette that the Town raise and appropriate $11,167.00 for the Dog Officer Account.

01-294 FORESTRY

VOTED: On motion of Frank Costa that the Town raise and appropriate $317.00 for the Forestry Account.

01-295 HARBORMASTER

VOTED: On motion of Robert Perry that the Town raise and appropriate $500.00 for the Harbormaster Account.

01-300 REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

VOTED: On motion of Janice Terry that the Town raise and appropriate $3,816,747.00 for the operating and capital assessments from the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

Defeated: On motion of William Hogan to amend from $3,816,747.00 to $3,796,747.00

01-301 BRISTOL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

VOTED: On motion of Frank Costa that the Town raise and appropriate $5,520.00 for the Bristol County Agricultural High School operating assessment.

01-422 HIGHWAY

VOTED: On motion of Paul DeMoura that the Town raise and appropriate $342,109.00 for the Highway Account.

01-423 SNOW REMOVAL

VOTED: On motion of Paul DeMoura that the Town raise and appropriate $35,000.00 for the Snow Removal Account.

01-429 DIGHTON BERKLEY BRIDGE

VOTED: On motion of Gene Nelson that the Town raise and appropriate $1,396.00 for the Dighton-Berkley Bridge Account.

01-433 WASTE COLLECTION DISPOSAL

VOTED: On motion of Robert Perry that the Town raise and appropriate $297,535.00 for the Waste Collection and Disposal Account.

01-440 SEWER COMMISSION

VOTED: On motion of Neil Sousa that the Town raise and appropriate $4,711.00 for the Sewer Commission Account.

01-491 CEMETERIES

VOTED: On motion of Frank Costa that the Town raise and appropriate $3,800.00 for the Cemeteries Account.

01-510 HEALTH (REGULATIONS)

VOTED: On motion of Robert Perry that the Town raise and appropriate $3,590.00 for the Health (Administration) Account.

01-529 MOSQUITO CONTROL

VOTED: On motion of Gene Nelson for the Town raise and appropriate $400.00 for the Mosquito Control work in accordance with C.112, Acts of 1931, M.G.L.

01-541 COUNCIL ON AGING

VOTED: On motion of Alice Souza that the Town raise and appropriate $31,096.00 for the Council on Aging Account.

01-543 VETERANS SERVICES

VOTED: On motion of Frank Costa that the Town raise and appropriate $24,729.00 for the Veterans Services Account.

01-610 LIBRARY

VOTED: On motion of Lynn Dupont that the Town raise and appropriate $50,235.00 for the Library Account.

01-630 RECREATION

VOTED: On motion of Gene Nelson that the Town raise and appropriate $12,695.00 for the Recreation Account.

01-690 HISTORICAL COMMISSION

VOTED: On motion of Gene Nelson that the Town raise and appropriate $720.00 for the Historical Commission Account.

01-692 MEMORIAL DAY

VOTED: On motion of Gene Nelson that the Town raise and appropriate $400.00 for the Memorial Day Account.

01-698 CABLE COMMISSION

VOTED: On motion of Frank Costa that the Town raise and appropriate $500.00 for the Cable Commission Account.

01-699 ARTS COUNCIL

VOTED: On motion of Robert Perry that the Town raise and appropriate $150.00 for the Art Council Account.

01-710 RETIREMENT OF DEBT

VOTED: On motion of Brenda Herbeck that the Town raise and appropriate $55,900.00 for the Retirement of Debt Account.

01-751 INTEREST ON LONG TERM DEBT

Voted: On motion of Brenda Herbeck that the Town raise and appropriate $29,163.00 for the Interest on Long Term Debt Account.

01-752 INTEREST ON SHORT TERM DEBT

Voted: On motion of Brenda Herbeck that the Town raise and appropriate $17,000.00 for the Interest on Short Term Debt Account.

01-911 RETIREMENT AND PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

Voted: On motion of Gene Nelson that the Town raise and appropriate $180,608.00 for the Retirement and Pension Contributions Account.

01-912 WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Voted: On motion of Gene Nelson that the Town raise and appropriate $17,000.00 for the Workman's Compensation Insurance Account.

01-914 GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE

Voted: On motion of Brenda Herbeck that the Town raise and appropriate $134,725.00 for the Group Health Insurance Account.

01-915 LIFE INSURANCE

Voted: On motion of Brenda Herbeck that the Town raise and appropriate $800.00 for the Life Insurance Account.

01-916 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Voted: On motion of Brenda Herbeck that the Town raise and appropriate $13,000.00 for the Employer Contributions for FICA and Medicare.

01-920 TUITION

Voted: On motion of Frank Costa that the Town raise and appropriate $4,800.00 for the Tuition Account.

01-945 LIABILITY INSURANCE

Voted: On motion of Robert Perry that the Town raise and appropriate $30,000.00 for the Liability Insurance Account.

ARTICLE 6. Voted: On motion of Gene Nelson that the Town raise and appropriate $80.00 to pay prior year's bills.

ARTICLE 7. Voted: On motion of Robert Perry that the following sums of money be expended under the direction of the Board of Sewer Commissioners:

Salaries/wages	$40,600.00
Direct Expenses	$115,650.00
Out of State/Instate Travel	$350.00
Capitol Outlay	$15,200.00
Indirect Costs	$8,665.00
TOTAL	$180,465.00

And that said $180,465.00 to be raised as follows:

$110,000.00 To be raised by Sewer Receipts
$ 70,465.00 To be transferred from enterprise retained earnings
Fin.Comm. Recommends Approval

ARTICLE 8. Voted as amended: On motion of Neil Sousa that the Town transfer $21,000.00 from available Sewer Enterprise Funds (established under Chapter 83, Section 16 and Chapter 44, Section 53F 1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws) to purchase a new/used pick-up truck to replace the 1978 Dodge Stake Body pick-up; and to dispose of said Sewer Department vehicle in the best interest of the Town and Sewer Department.
VOTED: On motion of Neil Sousa to change the wording from "raise and appropriate" to "transfer".
(article 8 was reconsidered after article 21)

ARTICLE 9. Voted: On motion of Thomas Medeiros that the Town transfer from the ambulance fund $12,000.00 to pay the salary of the ambulance billing clerk for the Fire Department.
Fin.Comm. Recommends Approval

ARTICLE 10. Voted: On motion of Alice Souza that the Town authorize the Dighton Council on Aging to establish a revolving fund into which $35,000.00 received from gifts and donations will be collected for the purpose of funding "Prime Time" (Adult Day Social & Support Center). Spending shall be capped at $35,000.00. Funds shall be expended by the Council on Aging Board.
Fin.Comm. Recommends Approval

ARTICLE 11. Voted: On motion of Brenda Herbeck that the Town raise and appropriate $3,315.00 to purchase a new postage machine for the use of Town Hall departments, which will be under the supervision of the Town Collector. The meter rental and yearly maintenance fees shall be paid fro out of the Town Collector's budget.
Fin.Comm. Recommends Approval

ARTICLE 12. Voted: On motion of Paul DeMoura that the Town raise and appropriate $216,207.00 from the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the purpose of expending funds for capital improvements on local roads under the "Transportation Bond Issue".

ARTICLE 13. Voted: On motion of Lynn Dupont that the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund into which shall be paid all overdue fines and monies collected by the Dighton Public Library for overdue, lost and/or destroyed books. Said monies to be expended from said revolving account by the trustees of the Public Library for the replacement of lost and/or destroyed books. Spending shall be capped at $1,000.00.
Fin.Comm. Recommends Approval

ARTICLE 14. Voted: On motion of Frank Costa that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contract for the expenditure of any funds allotted or to be allotted by the Commonwealth and/or Federally-aided programs for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of Town roads.

ARTICLE 15. Voted: On motion of Robert Perry that the Town make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain and to settle damages from land taken in conjunction with the Fiscal Year 1998 Highway program under Chapter 90 and the Town road improvement program.

ARTICLE 16. Voted: On motion of Paul DeMoura that the Town raise and appropriate $11,000.00 to purchase one new hydraulic sand spreader with all necessary equipment and accessories for use by the Highway Department.
Fin.Comm. Recommends Approval

ARTICLE 17. Voted: On motion of Lynn Dupont that the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund into which shall be paid all fees collected by the Dighton Public Library for photocopying service. Said fees to be expended from said revolving account by the Trustees of the Public Library for the purchase of photocopying paper and photocopying machine toner for the Public Library's photocopying machine. Spending shall be capped at $1,000.00.

ARTICLE 18. Voted: On motion of Thomas Medeiros that the Town transfer $30,000.00 from the Ambulance Fund for the (2nd) second year payment of a (5) five year Lease Purchase Agreement for a new emergency rescue pumper for the use of the Dighton Fire Department.
Fin.Comm. Recommends Approval

ARTICLE 19. Voted: On motion of Thomas Medeiros that the Town transfer $20,000.00 from the Ambulance fund to purchase new radio equipment for the Fire Department.
Fin.Comm. Recommends Approval

ARTICLE 20. Voted: On motion of Lynn Dupont that the Town raise and appropriate $3,000.00 to the Library for new equipment, book & supply shelves, computer tables, and chairs.
Fin.Comm. Recommends Approval

ARTICLE 21. Voted: On motion of Deborah Gagnon that the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 53E 1/2 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, to establish in the Town treasury a revolving fund for the Dighton Police Department

for all fees collected for License to Carry Firearms and FID Cards to include all lamination, Insurance Reports, Court Witness Fees and any Miscellaneous items; said funds to be used to replenish supplies. Spending shall be capped at $3,000.00. Spending to be performed by the Dighton Police Department.
Fin.Comm. Recommends Approval

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of David Long to reconsider Article 8.

ARTICLE 22. Voted: On motion of Gene Nelson that the Town raise and appropriate $7,000.00 to perform an audit for FY 97.
Fin.Comm. Recommends Approval

ARTICLE 23. Voted: On motion of Michael Hagopian that the Town vote to establish a revolving fund collected by the Dighton Planning Board into which shall be paid all fees submitted to the Planning Board accompanied with Form A's, Preliminary Plans, and Definitive Plans established in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Town of Dighton Sub-Division Rules & Regulations. Said monies to be expended from said revolving fund by the Dighton Planning Board for the advertising and certified mailings of Public Hearing notices for proposed sub-divisions, engineers' fees, attorney's fees, amendment changes, etc., with a cap of $5,000.00 after which monies will go into the general fund or act thereon.
Fin.Comm. Recommends Approval

ARTICLE 24. Voted Unanimously: On motion of Michael Hagopian that the Town will vote to accept the proposed zoning amendments under Massachusetts General Laws under Chapter 40A, subject being:
(insert under) ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS FRONTAGE. The boundary of a lot coinciding with the street line, being an unbroken distance along a way currently maintained by the town, county, or state, or along ways shown of the Definitive Plans of approved subdivisions, through which actual access to the potential building site shall be required, and the street has been determined by the Planning Board to provide adequate access for fire, police, and emergency vehicles. Lot frontage shall be measured continuously along on street line between side lot lines, or, in the case of corner lots, between one side lot line and the midpoint of the arc of the curve. Lots with interrupted or discontinuous frontage must demonstrate that the required length along the street may be obtained from one (1) continuous frontage section, without any totaling of discontinuous frontage sections.

COMMUNICATIONS TOWER. A structure to proved wireless communication services; such as, radio, television, cellular telephone service, personal communications and enhanced specialized mobile radio service.
Planning Board Recommends approval

ARTICLE 25. Voted Unanimously: On motion of Robert Perry that $200,000.00 is appropriated for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation

all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow $200,000.00 and issue bonds or notes therefor under G. L. c. 111, s.127B 1/2 and/ or Chapter 29C or the General Laws; that project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners, in accordance with those agreements, but such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter in a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the projects or for the financing thereof; and that the Board of Selectmen Board of Public Works or other appropriate local body or officials is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects.

ARTICLE 26. Voted: On motion of Robert Perry that the Town transfer $300,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund to fund the closure of the landfill.
Finn.Comm. Recommends Approval

ARTICLE 27. Voted: On motion of Robert Perry that the Town transfer from receipts reserved for appropriation $83,540.64 to be used for costs associated with landfill closure.
Fin.Comm. Recommends Approval

ARTICLE 28. Voted: On motion of Thomas Mederios that the Town transfer $10,000.00 from the Ambulance Fund to purchase Firefighting/Rescue Turn-Out Gear (Fire Coats Bunker Pants and Helmets) for the Fire Department.
Fin.Comm. Recommends Approval

ARTICLE 29. Voted Unanimously: On motion of Gene Nelson that the Town amend Article 1, Section 2 of the Town By-laws by deleting and inserting the following new section in its place: "Section 2. All warrants for town meetings shall be served by posting an attested copy thereof at each of the post offices, at the Town Hall and at the main Fire Station at least seven days before the annual meeting and at least fourteen days before any special meeting. Notice of town meetings shall be published in one local newspaper at least seven days prior to the holding of said meeting".

ARTICLE 30. Voted Unanimously: On motion of Michael Hagopian that the Town vote to accept the proposed amendments to the Town of Dighton Zoning By-Laws under Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws, subject being: Town Growth and Development, and Subdivision Phasing; proposed amendments as follows:

ARTICLE VI. SECTION 13 TOWN GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT & SUBDIVISION PHASING
Areas of land subject to the jurisdiction of the planning Board under subdivision control law shall not be developed by the construction of dwelling units at a greater rate than

permitted. Subdivisions containing sufficient area to provide more than eight (8) building lots at the maximum density permitted under the zoning by-law shall not be developed by the construction of dwelling units at a rate greater that eight (8) lots or ten (10) percent of the total lots per year shown on the approved definitive subdivision plan whichever is the greater number.

ARTICLE 31. Voted: On motion of Frank Costa that the Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to sell at Public Auction all properties which the Town has legally acquired by Tax Title.

ARTICLE 32. Voted: On motion of Frank Costa that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, to dispose of used materials returned to them, by sale at Public Auction.

ARTICLE 33. Defeated: On motion of Gene Nelson that the Town vote to instruct the Assessors to use available free cash or a portion thereof for the reduction of taxes in accordance with Chapter 798 of the Acts of 1951, as amended.

Defeated: On motion of David Long to table. Yes 59 No 43 (needed 2/3 vote)

ARTICLE 34. Voted: On motion of David Long that the Town raise and appropriate $7,500.00 for the FY98 revaluation of the Town.
Fin.Comm. Recommends Approval

ARTICLE 35. Voted: On motion of Robert Perry that the town vote to transfer from the Sewer Enterprise Fund (established under Chapter 83, Section 16, and Chapter 44, Section 53F 1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws) $65.00 to pay a prior year bill.

VOTED: On motion of Gene Nelson to dissolve the Annual Town meeting at 9:54.

William McKeon, Jr. appointed the Finance Committee for FY 1998 as follows:

Ernest Silva, Jr. Della Hathaway
Jo Ellen Mullen Lorraine Conlon
William Hogan

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Balance in Treasury 6/30/96	$2,762,784.25
Total receipts	8,578,433.24
	$11,341,217.49

Selectmen's warrants	$8,056,754.88
Balance in treasury 6/30/97	3,284,462.61
	$11,341,217.49

General Fund	$1,087,087.79
Sewer enterprise	476,304.00
School insurance fund	1,328,943.69
Trust Funds	392,127.13
Balance in treasury 6/30/97	$3,284,462.61

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

REAL ESTATE	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
OUTSTANDING 6/30/96				750.85	225,475,39	
COMMITMENTS						4,681,511.36
REFUNDS				32,110.63	12,012.47	
TOTAL				750.86	257,586.02	4,693,523.83
PAID TREASURER				291.79	159,435.39	4,405,250.92
ABATEMENTS					32,430.06	55,220.11
TAX TITLES				617.77	60,285.49	56,842.17
BALANCE DUE 6/30/97				(158.70)	5,435.08	176,210.63
TOTAL				750.86	257,586.02	4,693,523.83
PERSONAL PROPERTY						
OUTSTANDING 6/30/96	1,414.26	1,640.48	345.24	845.11	1,952.09	
COMMITMENTS						210,743.15
REFUNDS						
TOTAL	1,414,26	1,640.48	345,24	845.11	1,952.09	210,743.15
PAID TREASURER					983,27	204,698.58
ABATEMENTS						52.40
BALANCE 6/30/97						5.992.17
TOTAL					983.27	210,743.15
MOTOR VEHICLE						
EXCISE OUTSTANDING 6/30/96	1,360.52	1,147.66	3,321.09	6,812.89	17,938.28	
COMMITMENTS				2,238.23	55,378.71	377,504.80
REFUNDS				825.23	3,850.00	4,947.80
TOTAL	1,360.52	1,147.66	3,321.09	9,876.35	77,166.99	382,452.60

PAID TREASURER	52.50	116.25	475.21	4,614.70	67,063.68	344,564.41
ABATEMENTS				850.65	4,935.85	14,040.34
BALANCE 6/30/97	1,308.02	1,031.41	2,845.88	4,411.00	5,167.46	23,847.85
TOTAL	1,360.52	1,147.66	3,321.09	9,876.34	77,166.99	382,452.60

DIGHTON WATER DISTRICT
REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/96	20,650.39	
COMMITMENTS		249,405.44
REFUNDS		1,577.60
TOTAL		250,983.04
PAID TREASURER	15,866.08	229,520.28
ABATEMENTS		2,132.27
TAX TITLES	4,643.83	3,105.17
BALANCE DUE 6/30/97	140.48	16,225.32
TOTAL	20,650.39	250,983.04

DIGHTON WATER DISTRICT
PERSONAL PROPERTY

OUTSTANDING 6/30/96	470.97	
COMMITMENTS		9,344.10
REFUNDS	116.96	
TOTAL	587.97	9,344.10
PAID TREASURER	118.39	8,285.24
ABATEMENTS	439.98	924.60
BALANCE 6/30/97	29.60	134.26
TOTAL	587.97	9,344.10

DIGHTON ELECTRIC LIGHT DISTRICT
REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/96	
COMMITMENTS	43,994.15
REFUNDS	294.41
TOTAL	44,288.56
PAID TREASURER	40,953.21
ABATEMENTS	106.49
TAX TITLES	554,78
BALANCE 6/30/97	2,674.08
TOTAL	44,288.56

DIGHTON ELECTRIC LIGHT DISTRICT
PERSONAL PROPERTY

OUTSTANDING 6/30/96	
COMMITMENTS	974.54
REFUNDS	
TOTAL	974.54
PAID TREASURER	957.09
ABATMENTS	4.10
BALANCE 6/30/97	13.35
TOTAL	974.54

NORTH DIGHTON FIRE DISTRICT

REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/96	9,507.99	
COMMITMENTS		143,826.50
REFUNDS	6,153.71	394.44
TOTAL	15,661.70	144,220.94
PAID TREASURER	8,867.51	138,790.68
ABATEMENTS	6,153.71	21.85
TAX TITLES	446.26	338.87
BALANCE DUE 6/30/97	194.22	5,069.53
TOTAL	15,661.70	144,220.94

NORTH DIGHTON FIRE DISTRICT

PERSONAL PROPERTY	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/96	
COMMITMENTS	2,992.20
REFUNDS	
TOTAL	2,992.20
PAID TREASURER	2,988.75
ABATEMENTS	
BALANCE 6/30/97	3.45
TOTAL	2.992.20

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To The Board of Selectmen

I hereby submit my report for the Fiscal Year 1997 in the following schedules:

Combined Balance Sheet - All Funds

General Fund
- Receipts
- Disbursements
- Statement of Appropriations
- Budget Entries

Special Revenue Funds - Highway
- Receipts
- Disbursements

Other Special Revenue Funds
- Receipts
- Disbursements

Sewer Enterprise Funds
- Receipts
- Disbursements

Trust Funds
- Receipts
- Disbursements

Agency Funds
- Receipts
- Disbursements

Municipal Indebtedness Analysis

Free cash for Fiscal Year 1997 as certified by the Bureau of Accounts on October 4, 1996 was $ 190,501.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Boucher
TOWN ACCOUNTANT

GENERAL FUND - CASH RECEIPTS - FY 1997

Personal Property Taxes	$205,681.85	
Real Estate Taxes	$4,520,855.60	
Tax Liens Redeemed	$96,569.30	
Taxes in Litigation	$0.00	
Gain on Tax Title Assignments	$6,662.68	
Motor Vehicle Excise	$407,411.64	
Vessel Excise	$4,896.32	
Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excises	$50,472.04	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	$2,627.50	
Fees	$446,583.90	
Other Departmental Revenue	$9,945.12	
Licenses & Permits	$33,794.00	
Fines & Forfeits	$205.00	
Sales of Inventory	$0.00	
Earnings on Investments	$31,719.69	
Miscellaneous Revenue	$2,522.16	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Loss of Taxes, Abatements: Vets., Elderly, Surv. Spouse	$31,714.00	
Veterans Benefits	$8,377.16	
Highway	$75,792.00	
Lottery, Beano, Charity Games	$444,649.00	
Court Fines	$2,320.00	
Registry of Motor Vehicles	$3,942.50	
Revenue Anticipation Notes Payable	$750,000.00	
Tax Titles Due Districts	$5,049.35	
Due to School District	$15.00	
Transfers from Special Revenue Funds	$272,912.14	
Transfers from Sewer Enterprise	$7,545.00	
Transfers from Stabilization	$50,000.00	
Transfers from Unemployment	$30,000.00	
Total Cash Receipts		$7,502,262.95
Cash Balance 7/1/96		$221,326.00
		$7,723,588.95

GENERAL FUND - CASH DISBURSEMENTS - FY 1997

Fiscal Year 1997 Appropriations		
General Government	$374,667.42	
Protection of Persons & Property	$902,191.76	
Education	$3,647,835.00	
Highways	$336,414.99	
Sanitation	$326,208.97	
Other Environmental	$3,800.00	
Human Services	$58,677.02	
Culture & Recreation	$61,599.51	
Debt Service	$96,588.73	
Employee Benefits	$321,239.93	
Liability Insurance	$27,022.73	
Prior Years Bills	$5,390.03	
Total FY 1996 Appropriations		$6,161,636.09
Prior Year Appropriations		
Audit FY96	$6,000.00	
Prof. & Technical-Assessors	$13.00	
New Computer-Town Clerk	$1,390.59	
Prof. & Technical-Conservation	$1,013.85	
New Computer-Planning Board	$2,006.23	
Town Hall Lower Level	$2,024.30	
Alarm System-Fire Dept.	$2,057.80	
Medical Radios & Supplies-Fire Dept.	$2,057.72	
Roof Repair-Highway Dept.	$2,250.00	
Reclamation Center	$0.00	
Town History Supplement-Historical Comm.	$894.00	
Gasoline	$10,903.22	
Less: Interfund Transfers (Gasoline)	($ 14,774.52)	
Total Prior Year Appropriations		$15,836.19
Other Financing Uses		
County Assessments	$56,919.23	
State Assessments	$21,618.00	
Special Education Assessments	$0.00	
Total Other Financing Uses		$78,537.23
Revenue Anticipation Notes Payable	$750,000.00	
Tax Titles Due Districts	$5,049.35	
Due to School District	$15.00	
Transfers to Special Revenue Funds	$0.00	
Transfers to Stabilization	$100,000.00	
Transfers to Agency-Unclaimed Items/Tailings	$6,030.73	
Total Other		$861,095.08
Total Cash Disbursements		$7,117,104.59
Less: Warrants Payable 6/30/97		($ 116,618.03)
		$7,000,486.56
Cash Balance 6/30/97		$723,102.39
		$7,723,588.95

GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996-97

	Appropriations	Reserve Fund Transfers	Expended	Returned to Unreserved Fund Balance	*Balance carried forward 6/30/97
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Town Meetings	$922.00		$45.00	$877.00	
Moderator	$307.00		$307.00	$0.00	
Board of Selectmen	$62,949.00		$61,844.60	$1,104.40	
Finance Committee	$2,709.00		$2,096.00	$613.00	
Reserve Fund	$15,000.00	($ 10,313.50)		$4,686.50	
Town Accountant	$33,727.00	$350.00	$34,075.73	$1.27	
Audit	$7,000.00				$7,000.00
Board of Assessors	$61,936.00		$59,546.60	$2,365.87	$23.53
Town Treasurer	$38,082.00		$38,082.00	$0.00	
Town Collector	$33,703.00		$33,393.47	$309.53	
Town Counsel	$12,500.00		$10,106.78	$2,393.22	
Data Processing	$1,600.00		$1,300.00	$300.00	
Tax Title Foreclosure	$20,000.00		$14,708.60	$5,291.40	
Town Clerk	$29,832.00	$29,505.43	$326.57		
Elections	$4,705.00	$3,273.83	$1,431.17		
Registration	$3,310.00		$3,005.50	$304.50	
Conservation Commission	$336.00	$336.00	$0.00		
Planning Board	$15,718.20	$15,038.50	$679.70		
Board of Appeals	$1,160.00	$470.07	$689.93		
Public Buildings	$25,278.00	$6,000.00	$30,601.81	$676.19	
Building Insurance	$35,000.00	$33,517.00	$1,483.00		
Town Reports	$3,400.00	$13.50	$3,413.50	$0.00	
	$409,174.20	($ 3,950.00)	$374,667.42	$23,533.25	$7,023.53

GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996-97

	Appropriations	Reserve Fund Transfers	Expended	Returned to Unreserved Fund Balance	*Balance carried forward 6/30/96
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police	$456,413.00		$453,493.07	$2,919.93	
Police (Cruiser)	$23,000.00	$23,000.00	$0.00		
Police (D.A.R.E.)	$6,000.00	$383.15	$5,616.85		
Communication	$96,480.00		$96,394.06	$85.94	
Fire	$300,253.00	$281,007.80	$19,245.20		
Fire (Sta. 1 Roof)	$13,500.00	$12,900.00	$0.00		$600.00
Ambulance (Billing Clerk)	$6,500.00	$6,500.00	$0.00		
Ambulance (Ambulance Class 1)	$100,000.00		$0.00		$100,000.00
Ambulance (Rescue Pumper)	$60,000.00	$0.00	$60,000.00		
Building Inspector	$12,322.00		$12,318.96	$3.04	
Gas Inspector	$700.00		$480.00	$220.00	
Plumbing Inspector	$3,000.00		$2,845.00	$155.00	
Weights & Measures	$711.00	$711.00	$0.00		
Electrical Inspector	$4,000.00	$3,052.00	$948.00		
Civil Defense	$1,477.00	$1,448.42	$28.58		
Dog Officer	$7,190.00	$7,160.30	$29.70		
Forestry	$307.00	$307.00	$0.00		
Harbormaster	$500.00	$191.00	$309.00		
	$1,092,353.00	$0.00	$902,191.76	$29,561.24	$160,600.00
EDUCATION					
D-R Regional School Dist.	$3,642,315.00	$3,642,315.00	$0.00		
B.C.A. School	$5,520.00	$5,520.00	$0.00		
	$3,647,835.00	$0.00	$3,647,835.00	$0.00	$0.00

GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996-97

	Appropriations	Reserve Fund Transfers	Expended	Returned to Unreserved Fund Balance	*Balance carried forward 6/30/96
HIGHWAYS					
Highway	$334,484.00	$301,933.45	$30,900.55	$1,650.00	
Snow & Ice Removal	$35,000.00		$33,503.06	$1,496.94	
Dighton-Berkley Bridge	$1,367.00	$978.48	$388.52		
	$370,851.00	$0.00	$336,414.99	$32,786.01	$1,650.00
SANITATION					
Waste Collection & Disposal	$322,414.00	$321,723.97	$690.03		
Sewer Commission	$4,486.00	$4,485.00	$1.00		
	$326,900.00	$0.00	$326,208.97	$691.03	$0.00
OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL					
Cemetery	$3,800.00	$3,800.00	$0.00		
	$3,800.00	$0.00	$3,800.00	$0.00	$0.00
HUMAN SERVICES					
Health - Regulation & Inspection	$9,002.00	$9,002.00	$0.00		
Health - Administration	$3,590.00	$2,266.03	$1,323.97		
Mosquito Control	$400.00		$400.00		
Council on Aging	$30,333.00	$30,332.82	$0.18		
Council on Aging (Prime Time Clerk)	$5,000.00	$5,000.00			
Veterans Services	$24,518.00	$17,076.17	$7,441.83		
	$72,843.00	$0.00	$58,677.02	$14,165.98	$0.00

GENERAL FUND
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	Appropriations	Reserve Fund Transfers	Expended	Returned to Unreserved Fund Balance	*Balance carried forward 6/30/96
CULTURE & RECREATION					
Library	$47,137.00	$1,700.00	$48,836.18	$0.82	
Recreation	$12,475.00	$12,026.39	$448.61		
Historical Commission	$720.00	$112.08	$607.92		
Memorial Day Observance	$400.00	$180.00	$220.00		
Cable Committee	$500.00	$444.86	$55.14		
Arts Council	$150.00	$150.00			
	$61,382.00	$1,700.00	$61,599.51	$1,482.49	$0.00
DEBT SERVICE					
Retirement of Debt					
Town Office Building	$14,000.00	$14,000.00	$0.00		
Sewer Note # 1	$9,000.00	$9,000.00	$0.00		
Sewer Note # 2	$11,400.00	$11,400.00	$0.00		
Sewer Note # 3	$21,500.00	$21,500.00	$0.00		
Interest on Long Term Debt	$32,183.00	$31,957.50	$225.50		
Interest on Short Term Debt & Other Interest	$17,000.00	$8,731.23	$8,268.77		
	$105,083.00	$0.00	$96,588.73	$8,494.27	$0.00

GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996-97

	Appropriations	Reserve Fund Transfers	Expended	Returned to Unreserved Fund Balance	*Balance carried forward 6/30/96
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
Retirement & Pension Cont.	$170,033.00		$169,907.53		$125.47
Workman's Compensation	$17,000.00		$15,759.00	$1,241.00	
Group Health Insurance	$134,725.00	$118,695.19	$16,029.81		
Group Life Insurance	$800.00	$656.84	$143.16		
Medicare Contributions	$12,000.00	$2,250.00	$14,143.37	$106.63	
Tuition	$4,800.00	$2,078.00	$2,722.00		
	$339,358.00	$2,250.00	$321,239.93	$20,242.60	$125.47
LIABILITY INSURANCE					
Liability Insurance	$30,000.00	$27,022.73	$2,977.27		
	$30,000.00	$0.00	$27,022.73	$2,977.27	$0.00
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS					
Transfer to Stabilization	$100,000.00	$100,000.00	$0.00		
	$100,000.00	$100,000.00	$0.00		
OTHER					
Prior Years Bills	$5,400.00	$5,390.03	$9.97		
	$5,400.00	$0.00	$5,390.03	$9.97	$0.00
Totals	$6,564,979.20	$0.00	$6,261,636.09	$133,944.11	$169,399.00

* $ 169,399.00 Encumbered for FY 98 use

GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996-97

		Balance 7/1/95	Expended FY 96	*Returned to Specific Fund	**Balance carried forward 6/30/96
Audit-FY96	$6,000.00	$6,000.00	$0.00		
Assessors-Professional & Technical	$13.00	$13.00	$0.00		
Assessors-Computer	$519.51	$519.51			
Town Clerk-Computer	$1,390.59	$1,390.59	$0.00		
Conservation-Prof. Services	$2,940.00	$1,013.85	$1,926.15		
Planning Board-Update Maps	$500.00		$500.00		
Planning Board-Computer	$3,155.00	$2,006.23	$1,148.77		
Town Hall-Lower Level	$8,071.13	$2,024.30	$6,046.83		
Ambulance-Alarm System	$2,308.00	$2,057.80		$250.20	
Ambulance-Med. Radios & Supplies	$3,000.00	$2,057.72		$942.28	
Highway-Roof Repair	$2,250.00	$2,250.00	$0.00		
Landfill-Recycling	$705.41	$0.00		$705.41	
Drainage-North Dighton	$18,739.00		$18,739.00		
Historical-Town History Supplement	$2,835.00	$880.00	$1,955.00		
Historical-Supplies	$14.00	$14.00	$0.00		
Retirement & Pension Contributions					
Fiscal Year 1988	$69.96	$69.96			
Fiscal Year 1989	$403.60	$403.60			
Fiscal Year 1990	$693.73	$693.73			
Fiscal Year 1991	$876.16	$876.16			
Fiscal Year 1992	$132.75	$132.75			
Fiscal Year 1993	$808.98	$808.98			
Fiscal Year 1994	$129.50	$129.50			
Fiscal Year 1995	$129.38	$129.38			
Fiscal Year 1996	$127.43	$127.43			
Gasoline Account	$6,274.15	($ 3,871.30)	$0.00	$10,145.45	
Totals	$62,086.28	$15,836.19	$0.00	$46,250.09	

** $ 46250.09 Encumbered for FY97 Use

TOWN OF DIGHTON
FISCAL YEAR 1997 - BUDGET ENTRIES
REVENUES

LOCAL TAXES:	Budget	Actual	Difference	
Personal Property Taxes (Net of Refunds)	$211,094.27	$205,681.85	($ 5,412.42)	
Real Estate Taxes (Net of Refunds)*	$4,588,560.48	$4,530,855.60	($ 57,704.88)	
Tax Liens Redeemed	$0.00	$96,569.30	$96,569.30	
Gain on Tax Title Assignments	$0.00	$6,662.68	$6,662.68	
Total Local Taxes	$4,799,654.75	$4,839,769.43	$40,114.68	
LOCAL RECEIPTS:				
Motor Vehicle Excise (Net of Refunds)	$382,165.00	$407,411.64	$25,246.64	
Vessel Excise (Net of Refunds)	$5,430.00	$4,896.32	($ 533.68)	
Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excises	$65,530.00	$50,472.04	($ 15,057.96)	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	$2,630.00	$2,627.50	($ 2.50)	
Fees	$228,780.00	$446,583.90	$217,803.90	
Other Departmental Revenue	$1,550.00	$9,945.12	$8,395.12	
Licenses & Permits	$26,680.00	$33,794.00	$7,114.00	
Fines & Forfeits	$195.00	$205.00	$10.00	
Sales of Inventory	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	
Earnings on Investments	$61,460.00	$31,719.69	($ 29,740.31)	
Miscellaneous Revenue	$0.00	$2,522.16	$2,522.16	
Total Local Receipts	$774,420.00	$990,177.37	$215,757.37	$215,757.37

TOWN OF DIGHTON
FISCAL YEAR 1997 - BUDGET ENTRIES
REVENUES

	Budget	Actual	Difference	
STATE RECEIPTS:				
Loss of Taxes, Abatements: Veterans, Blind & Surviving Spouses, Chapter 59				
Loss of Taxes, Elderly, Chapter 73	$31,407.00	$31,714.00	$307.00	
Veterans Benefits, Chapter 115	$7,090.00	$8,377.16	$1,287.16	
Highway Fund, Chapter 81	$75,792.00	$75,792.00	$0.00	
Lottery, Beano, Charity Games, Chapter 29	$444,649.00	$444,649.00	$0.00	
Court Fines	$5,505.00	$2,320.00	($ 3,185.00)	
Registry of Motor Vehicles	$0.00	$3,942.50	$3,942.50	
Total State Receipts	$564,443.00	$566,794.66	$2,351.66	$2,351.66
TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS:				
Special Revenue Funds	$272,912.14	$272,912.14	$0.00	
Sewer Enterprise	$7,545.00	$7,545.00	$0.00	
Unemployment	$30,000.00	$30,000.00	$0.00	
Stabilization	$50,000.00	$50,000.00	$0.00	
Total Transfers From Other Fund	$360,457.14	$360,457.14	$0.00	$0.00
OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS:				
Fund Balance Reserved for Special Purpose-Fire Station Roof	$13,500.00	N/A	($ 13,500.00)	
Free Cash	$199,197.00	N/A	($ 199,197.00)	
	N/A	$0.00		
	N/A	$0.00		
	N/A	$0.00		
Total Other Available Funds	$212,697.00	N/A	($ 212,697.00)	($ 212,697.00)
TOTAL ALL REVENUES	$6,711,671.89	$6,757,198.60	$45,526.71	$45,526.71

*Includes 60 day accruals

TOWN OF DIGHTON
FISCAL YEAR 1997 - BUDGET ENTRIES
EXPENDITURES

TOWN BUDGETS:	Budget	Actual	Difference	
General Government	$405,224.20	$374,667.42	$30,556.78	
Public Safety	$1,092,353.00	$902,191.76	$190,161.24	
Education	$3,647,835.00	$3,647,835.00	$0.00	
Highways	$370,851.00	$336,414.99	$34,436.01	
Sanitation	$326,900.00	$326,208.97	$691.03	
Other Environmental	$3,800.00	$3,800.00	$0.00	
Human Services	$72,843.00	$58,677.02	$14,165.98	
Culture & Recreation	$63,082.00	$61,599.51	$1,482.49	
Debt Service	$105,083.00	$96,588.73	$8,494.27	
Employee Benefits	$341,608.00	$321,239.93	$20,368.07	
Liability Insurance	$30,000.00	$27,022.73	$2,977.27	
Prior Years Bills	$5,400.00	$5,390.03	$9.97	
Total Town Budgets	$6,464,979.20	$6,161,636.09	$303,343.11	$303,343.11
Sewer Enterprise - Not Appropriation	$7,545.00	$0.00	$7,545.00	$7,545.00
Prior Year Appropriations - Expended in FY 1997	$15,836.19	($ 15,836.19)	($ 15,836.19)	
OTHER FINANCING USES:				
County Assessment	$56,919.00	$56,919.23	($ 0.23)	
State Assessments	$17,136.00	$21,618.00	($ 4,482.00)	
Special Education Assessment	$2,516.00	$0.00	$2,516.00	
Transfer to Stabilization	$100,000.00	$100,000.00	$0.00	
Total Other Financing Uses	$176,571.00	$178,537.23	($ 1,966.23)	($ 1,966.23)

TOWN OF DIGHTON
FISCAL YEAR 1997 BUDGET ENTRIES
EXPENDITURES

	Budget	Actual	Difference	
OTHER:				
Prior Fiscal Year Fund Deficits				
Appropriation Deficits				
Medical Insurance	$0.00	N/A	$0.00	
Over/Under Assessments	$1,597.00	N/A	$1,597.00	
Abatements & Exemptions				
Fiscal Years 1979-1996	$60,979.69	N/A	$60,979.69	
Total Prior Fiscal Year Deficits	$62,576.69	N/A	$62,576.69	$62,576.69
TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES	$6,711,671.89	$6,356,009.51	$355,662.38	$355,662.38

TOWN OF DIGHTON
FISCAL YEAR 1997 - BUDGET ENTRIES

FISCAL YEAR 1997 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance, June 30, 1996	$248,581.21
Revenues Closed to Fund Balance for FY 1997	$6,757,198.60
Expenditures Closed to Fund Balance for FY 1997	($ 6,356,009.51)
Fund Balance, June 30, 1997	$649,770.30

Fund Balance, June 30, 1996	$248,581.21
Favorable Revenue Difference	$45,526.71
Favorable Expenditure Difference	$355,662.38
Fund Balance, June 30, 1997	$649,770.30

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FY 1997

RECEIPTS Commonwealth of Mass.	$199,211.42
Total Cash Receipts	$199,211.42
Cash Balance 7/1/96	$0.00
	$199,211.42

DISBURSEMENTS

Roadway Resurfacing	
Stanzione Drive	$12,172.52
Brook Street	$30,431.30
Roadway Stone Seal	
Hart Street	$25,350.56
Elm Street	$26,072.24
Chestnut Street	$18,220.56
North Street	$9,456.24
Additional Equipment-Street Sweeper	$77,508.00
Total Cash Disbursements	$199,211.42
Less: Warrants Payable 6/30/97	$0.00
	$199,211.42
Cash Balance 6/30/97	$0.00
	$199,211.42

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

RECEIPTS	**ACCOUNT #**	
STATE GRANTS:		
FY97 Board of Health-Title V	247	$18,000.00
FY97 Police DARE	248	$6,000.00
FY97 Council on Aging Clerk	247	$6,567.00
FY97 Library MEG/LIG	252	$5,641.49
FY97 Arts Lottery	254	$3,187.00
FY97 Police Community Policing	267	$4,500.00

FY97 Police Block	268	$1,734.00	
FY97 Elections	274	$335.00	
Due to School District	270	$1,350.00	
FEDERAL GRANTS			
FY97 Cops Fast	277	$31,250.00	
RECEIPTS RESERVED:			
Conservation/Wetlands Fees	261	$1,655.00	
Ambulance Fees	264	$81,862.37	
School Insurance Interest	265	$59,119.53	
REVOLVING FUNDS:			
Library-Fines	257	$1,081.29	
Library-Copies	258	$123.50	
Police	271	$2,201.60	
Council On Aging-Prime Time	272	$27,303.95	
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE:			
Cable Committee-Gifts	281	$25.00	
Council on Aging-Romero-Gifts	282	$15,000.00	
Council on Aging-Gifts	283	$1,572.75	
Library-Gifts	285	$385.00	
Library-Arts Gifts	287	$600.00	
Fire Department-Gifts	288	$1,899.00	
Police-DARE-Gifts	289	$6,060.95	
Library-Building-Gifts	291	$0.00	
TRANSFERS:			
Transfer from General Fund		$0.00	
Total Cash Receipts			$277,454.43
Cash Balance 7/1/96			$1,756,043.53
			$2,033,497.96
FY96 Library MEG/LIG	279	$5,467.75	
FEDERAL GRANTS:			
FY96 F.E.M.A. Snow & Ice	274	$10,254.00	
FY96 Cops Fast	277	$16,987.01	
RECEIPTS RESERVED:			
Conservation/Wetlands Fees	261	$1,296.00	
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
DISBURSEMENTS	**ACCOUNT #**		
STATE GRANTS:			
FY97 BOH Title V Grant	247	$2,754.13	
FY97 Police DARE Grant	248	$6,000.00	
FY97 C.O.A. Clerk Grant	249	$6,567.00	
FY94 Election Reimbursement	250	$359.00	
Election Reimbursement	251	$104.50	
FY96 Election Reimbursement	253	$23.59	
FY97 Arts Lottery	254	$1,503.81	
FY97 Police Comm. Policing Grant	267	$4,500.00	
FY96 Arts Lottery	273	$1,756.09	
FY97 Election Reimbursement	274	$335.00	
FY96 Library MEG/LIG Grant	279	$423.94	
Due to School District	270	$1,350.00	

FEDERAL GRANTS:			
Cops Fast Grant	277	$31,250.00	
REVOLVING FUNDS:			
Library-Fines	257	$330.95	
Library-Copies	258	$130.15	
Police	271	$2,472.59	
Council on Aging-Prime Time	272	$22,451.41	
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE:			
Council on Aging-Romero-Gifts	282	$15,910.96	
Council on Aging-Gifts	283	$984.79	
Council on Aging-Arts Lottery-Gifts	284	$300.00	
Library-Gifts	285	$189.70	
Library-Arts Lottery-Gifts	287	$1,097.57	
Fire-Gifts	288	$1,451.35	
Police-DARE-Gifts	289	$3,787.30	
TRANSFERS:			
Transfer to General Fund-Ambulance Fees	264		$166,500.00
Transfer to General Fund-School Insurance Funds	265		$106,412.14
Total Cash Disbursements			$378,945.97
Less: Warrants Payable 6/30/97			($ 1,973.99)
			$376,971.98
Cash Balance 6/30/97			$1,656,525.98
			$2,033,497.96

SEWER ENTERPRISE FUNDS		
RECEIPTS		
User Fees	$104,471.93	
Assessments	$6,562.44	
Nichols Mills Tie-In Fees	$443.20	
Interest on Late Payments	$445.28	
Sewer Permits	$250.00	
Departmental Revenue	$17.47	
Earnings on Investments	$19,109.63	
Total Cash Receipts		$131,299.95
Cash Balance 7/1/96		$406,202.57
		$537,502.52
DISBURSEMENTS		
Taunton Flow Charges	$0.00	
Superintendent & Asst. Superintendent	$17,978.63	
Administrative Costs	$23,229.61	
Professional Costs	$3,015.06	
Vehicle Expense	$30.50	
Pump Stations	$13,799.69	
Equipment Maintenance & Repairs	$2,855.30	
Indirect Costs (Transfer to General Fund)	$7,545.00	
Total Cash Disbursements		$68,453.79
Less: Warrants Payable 6/30/97		($ 4,846.34)
		$63,607.45
Cash Balance 6/30/97		$473,895.07
		$537,502.52

Establish Petty Cash	$25.00	
Indirect Costs (Transfer to General Fund)	$6,009.00	
Total Cash Disbursements		$112,250.83
Less: Warrants Payable 6/30/96		($48.336.79)
		$63,914.04
Cash Balance 6/30/96		$454,539.36
		$518,453.40

TRUST FUNDS
NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
RECEIPTS

Donations:	$0.00	
Total Cash Receipts		$0.00
Cash Balance 7/1/95		$20.456.75
		$20,456.75

DISBURSEMENTS

Cash Balance 6/30/96		$20.456.75
		$20,456.75

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
RECEIPTS

Earnings on Investments:		
Cemeteries Perpetual Care	$835.95	
Charles Chase School Fund	$108.00	
Library Founders Memorial Fund	$78.50	
Total Cash Receipts		$1,022.45
Cash Balance 7/1/95		$3,149.51
		$4,171 .96

DISBURSEMENTS

Cemeteries-Maintenance & Care	$1,451.35	
Charles Chase-Scholarships	$50.00	
Total Cash Disbursements		$1,501.35
Cash Balance 6/30/96		$2,670.61
		$4,171.96

OTHER TRUST FUNDS
RECEIPTS

Earnings Investments:		
Stabilization Fund	$7,272.32	
Unemployment Fund	$2,996.40	
Call Firefighters Dis. Fund	$442.04	
Other Receipts:		
Unemployment Reimbursement	$106.87	
Transfers from General Fund	$250,000.00	
Total Cash Receipts		$260,817.63
Cash Balance 7/1/95		$72,279.36
		$333,096.99

DISBURSEMENTS

Unemployment	$106.87	
Total Cash Disbursements		$106.87
Cash Balance 6/30/96		$332,990.12
		$333,096.99

TRUST FUNDS		
NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS		
RECEIPTS		
Donations:	$0.00	
Total Cash Receipts		$0.00
Cash Balance 7/1/96		$20,456.75
		$20,456.75
DISBURSEMENTS		
Cash Balance 6/30/97		$20,456.75
		$20,456.75
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS		
RECEIPTS		
Earnings on Investments:		
Cemeteries Perpetual Care	$791.17	
Charles Chase School Fund	$105.11	
Library Founders Memorial Fund	$78.37	
Total Cash Receipts		$974.65
Cash Balance 7/1/96		$2,670.61
		$3,645.26
DISBURSEMENTS		
Cemeteries-Maintenance & Care	$835.40	
Charles Chase-Scholarships	$50.00	
Total Cash Disbursements		$885.40
Cash Balance 6/30/97		$2,759.86
		$3,645.26
OTHER TRUST FUNDS		
RECEIPTS		
Earnings on Investments:		
Stabilization Fund	$14,674.91	
Unemployment Fund	$1,569.98	
Call Firefighters Dis. Fund	$453.23	
Other Receipts:		
Transfers from General Fund	$100,000.00	
Total Cash Receipts		$116,698.12
Cash Balance 7/1/96		$332,990.12
		$449,688.24
DISBURSEMENTS		
Unemployment	$777.72	
Transfers to General Fund-Stabilization	$50,000.00	
Transfers to General Fund-Unemployment	$30,000.00	
Total Cash Disbursements		$80,777.72
Cash Balance 6/30/97		$368,910.52
		$449,688.24

AGENCY FUNDS

RECEIPTS

Off Duty Work Detail-Police	$163,161.00	
Off Duty Work Detail-Fire	$904.60	
Federal Withholding Tax	$173,785.74	
State Withholding Tax	$82,820.98	
Medicare Withholding Tax	$13,831.45	
Miscellaneous Deductions	$12,642.60	
County Retirement Withholdings	$85,265.95	
Group Insurance Deductions	$92,100.01	
Group Insurance Receipts	$42,203.50	
Union Dues-Highway	$1,327.80	
Union Dues-Police	$1,932.00	
Deferred Compensation Withholdings	$10,736.26	
Obra Withholdings	$17,640.92	
Tax Garnishment Withholdings	$1,700.00	
Comm. of Mass.-Fish & Game Licenses	$6,137.50	
County of Bristol-Sale of Dogs	$0.00	
County of Bristol-Dog Licenses	$640.25	
Performance Bonds	$0.00	
Unclaimed Items	$326.27	
Transferred from General Fund-Unclaimed Items/Tailings	$6,030.73	
Total Cash Receipts		$713,187.56
Cash Balance 7/1/96		$23,094.67
		$736,282.23

DISBURSEMENTS

Off Duty Work Detail-Police	$163,273.00	
Off Duty Work Detail-Fire	$904.60	
Federal Withholding Tax	$177,742.81	
State Withholding Tax	$84,643.24	
Medicare Withholding Tax	$14,143.37	
Miscellaneous Deductions	$12,702.60	
County Retirement Withholdings	$86,978.15	
Group Insurance Deductions	$91,015.14	
Group Insurance Receipts	$42,035.21	
Union Dues-Highway	$1,447.20	
Union Dues-Police	$2,091.20	
Deferred Compensation Withholdings	$11,119.52	
Obra Withholdings	$18,089.33	
Tax Garnishment Withholdings	$1,750.00	
Comm. of Mass.-Fish & Game Licenses	$6,137.50	
County of Bristol-Sale of Dogs	$0.00	
County of Bristol-Dog Licenses	$0.00	
Total Cash Disbursements		$714,072.87
Less: Warrants Payable 6/30/97		($ 16,602.68)
		$697,470.19
Cash Balance 6/30/97		$38,812.04
		$736,282.23

TOWN OF DIGHTON
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS ANALYSIS
June 30. 1997

Date	Loan	Percent	Outstanding 6/30/96	Paid Principal FY 1997	Borrowed FY 1997	Outstanding 6/30/97
INSIDE DEBT LIMIT						
Sept. 1979	Town Hall	5.0	$42,000.00	$14,000.00	$0.00	$28,000.00
OUTSIDE DEBT LIMIT						
Jan. 1984	Sewer Step # 3	5.0	$117,000.00	$9,000.00	$0.00	$108,000.00
Dec. 1984	Sewer Step # 3	5.0	$159,600.00	$11,400.00	$0.00	$148,200.00
Oct. 1986	Sewer Step # 3	5.0	$344,000.00	$21,500.00	$0.00	$322,500.00
Totals		$662,600.00	$55,900.00	$0.00	$606,700.00	$606,700.00

LEASES PAYABLE						
July 1997 36 Month	Town Office Copy Machine		$0.00	$1,381.82	$4,523.04	$3,141.22

TOWN OF DIGHTON - COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - JUNE 30,1997

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Other Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise Funds	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Funds Long Term Debt. Accts.
ASSETS								
Cash	$723,277.39		$1,656,525.98		$473,920.07	$392,127.13	$38,812.04	
Receivables:								
Property Taxes	$192,665.12							
Tax Liens	$278,453.09							
Tax Liens-Districts	$21,682.15							
Motor Vehicle Excise	$48,711.46							
Boat Excise	$12,925.96							
User Fees					$7,119.92			
Reserve for Uncollected Receivables-Overlay	($35,300.76)							
Dept. Receivables	$27.17							
Due from other Governments	$11,394.25							
Tax Foreclosures	$8,110.94							
Amounts to be Provided for Payment of Bonds/Leases								$609,841.22
TOTAL ASSETS	$1,261,946.77	$0.00	$1,656,525.98	$0.00	$481,039.99	$392,127.13	$38,812.04	$609,841.22

TOWN OF DIGHTON - COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - JUNE 30,1997

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Other Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise Funds	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Funds Long Term Debt. Accts.
LIABILITIES								
Warrants Payable	$116,618.03		$1,973.99		$4,846.34		$16,602.68	
Due to Other Governments							($968.97)	
Other Liabilities							$16,821.33	
Unclaimed Items							$6,357.00	
Revenue Deferred Until Collected:								
Property Taxes	$122,364.36							
Other	$373,194.08				$7,119.92			
Notes, Bonds & Leases Payable								$609,841.22
Total Liabilities	$612,176.47	$0.00	$1,973.99	$0.00	$11,966.26	$0.00	$38,812.04	$609,841.22

TOWN OF DIGHTON - COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - JUNE 30,1997

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Other Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise Funds	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Funds Long Term Debt. Accts.
FUND EQUITY								
Retained Earnings:								
Other Purpose					$84,800.00			
Unreserved					$384,273.73			
Reserved Fund Balance:								
Prior Year Encumbrances	$215,649.09							
Expenditures								
Special Purpose								
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation			$1,539,192.93					
Unreserved Fund Balance-Designated:								
State Grants			$29,214.73					
Revolving Funds			$14,493.38					
Designated			$71,650.95			$392,127.13		
Over/Under Assessments	($1,966.00)							
Unprovided Abatements & Exemptions	($34,178.14)							
Unreserved Fund Balance-Undesignated:								
Undesignated Fund Balance	$470,265.35							
Total Fund Equity	$649,770.30	$0.00	$1,654,551.99	$0.00	$469,073.73	$392,127.13	$0.00	$0.00
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	$1,261,946.77	$0.00	$1,656,525.98	$0.00	$481,039.99	$392,127.13	$38,812.04	$609,841.22

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON DURING 1997

OCTOBER - 1996

10	NICHOLAS MICHAEL SOARES	ROONEY A. & WENDY A. (MICHAEL) SOARES
14	SABRINA ELIZABETH JEFFERSON	PAUL D. & PATRICIA A. (CARDOZA) JEFFERSON

NOVEMBER - 1996

06	MEGAN ELEZABETH FERRY	MARK D. & KARA E. (HICKEY) FERRY

DECEMBER - 1996

05	JONATHON EDMUND SOARES	EDMUND H. & JENNIFER A. (FARIAS) SOARES
24	NATHAN BERUBE KOWALSKI	RICHARD & KELLYANN B. (BERUBE) KOWALSKI

JANUARY - 1997

06	JESSICA ROSE HOWLAND	JAMES E. & DEBRA A. (ERICKSON) HOWLAND
11	CHRISTOPHER DOUGLAS O'CONNOR	DOUGLAS P. & JILLIAM F. (ALESSANDRI) O'CONNOR
20	JONAS ELIJAH PAVAO	JOHN & DEBRA (REGO) PAVAO

FEBRARY

10	LINDSEY ANN TURNER	WILLIAM A. & LORELEI D. (GARDNER) TURNER

MARCH

18	EMILY ROSE FREDETTE	KENNETH E. & JANE R. (FERRIS) FREDETTE

APRIL

06	MATTHEW PAUL COUTURE	PAUL W. & ELIZA M. (SANTOS) COUTURE
14	HAYLEY ELIZABETH FERREIRA	STEVEN P. & PEGGE A. (COLLINS) FERREIRA
29	BRIANA ELIZABETH THOMPSON	WILLIAM C. & CAROL J. (LEE) THOMPSON JR.
29	JOSHUA JOSEPH DEMELLO	JOSEPH M. & ANGELA M. (BOSH) DEMELLO

MAY

03	NINA TERESA FRANCISCO	JOHN & ANA T. (LOPES) FRANCISCO
14	RYAN EDWARD MURPY	JOHN M. & LUCY (DAROSA) MURPHY
30	CAROLINE TAYLOR THOMPSON	KENNIE L. & DEBRA A. (MURPHY) THOMPSON

JUNE

03	JILLIAN MARIE SILVIA	JERALD & LAURIE M. (MIRANDA) SILVIA
07	BRINSLEY MARIE FONSECA	STEVEN L. & LISA M. (DOVALE) FONSECA
10	KYLE MICHAEL CAPPIELLO	MICHAEL M. & VICKI A. (POOLE) CAPPIELLO
12	CHRISTOPHER JAMES MAGUY	ANDREW G. & TAMMY M. (MELBERG) MAGUY
14	MATHIAS DAVID GONCZI	STEVEN & ELAINE N. (DERVIS) GONCZI

14	KATHLEEN LEE GONCZI	STEVEN & ELAINE N. (DERVIS) GONCZI
14	NICHOLAS KYLE ARRUDA	ROBERT F. & RHONDA L. (DECOSTA) ARRUDA
14	CAMERON JAMES LOVELL	HARRISON E. & RONDA (CUMMINGS) LOVELL, III
21	MATTHEW JACOB CUMMINGS	MATTHEW W. & JULIE A. (NATALE) CUMMINGS
22	JULIE MARGARET TORRES	KENNETH J. & JEANNINE L. (HARDIN) TORRES
25	COURTNEY LYNN WHITMORE	CHRISTOPHER C. & DARLENE M. (YOUNG) WHITMORE
28	PEYTON BAILEY BUNKER	STEWART L. & ROBYN M. (EDWARS) BUNKER
30	STEPHEN PAUL MULHOLLAND	PAUL J. & LAURA A. (SINCLAIR) MULHOLLAND

JULY

07	ROBERT WILLIAM TURNBULL, III	ROBERT W. & JENNIFER M. (NASCIMENTO) TURNBULL
14	THOMAS ELLIOTT MUNROE	STEPHEN A. & JANICE L. (LOPES) MUNROE
14	KRISTOPHER HENRY MUNROE	STEPHEN A. & JANICE L. (LOPES) MUNROE

AUGUST

01	MADISON ARIANA DEAVELLAR	MATTHEW M. DEAVELLAR & SHERRI E. OLDFIELD
01	JOSHUA CHARLES PORTER	JOHN C. & LAURIE A. (ROSE) PORTER
12	ASHLEY ELIZABETH BERUBE	JEFFREY A. VIRGINIA E. (GIARDINA) BERUBE

SEPTEMBER

18	KEVIN CHRISTOPHER CLIFFORD	MICHAEL D. & CHERYL A. (COSTA) CLIFFORD
29	ASPEN SIDNEY QUAM	GLENN N. & ANN G. (DUMAINE) QUAM

OCTOBER

03	KEVIN GEORGE PRAIRIE	JOHN R. & NANCI E. (PAIVA) PRAIRIE
11	MOLLY ANN KIMBER	MARK E. & CHERYL (ULM) KIMBER
11	ANNA SIRKIN BRODEUR	DANIEL W. & DIANE (SIRKIN) BRODEUR

NOVEMBER

22	VICTORIA LYNN MARTINKUS	ROGER J. & KATHLEEN A. (WILSON) MARTINKUS, JR

DECEMBER

01	JACOB DANIEL GOULART	STEVEN M. & DALE (ADAMS) GOULART

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON DURING 1997

NOVEMBER - 1996

27	JENNIE ORSINO	83

DECEMBER - 1996

09	TINA MARIE (MANN) ALEXANDER	23
11	FANNIE (JULIO) SILVIA	92
23	WILLIAM J. NEAL	59

JANUARY - 1997

03	HARRY FRANCIS WILLIS	92
03	ELLEN (BOLTON) BEAUCHEMIN	78
06	ROLAND ROBERT CHAREST	76
09	JOSEPH RICHARD SILVIA	84
24	KEITH ERIC PACHECO	30
27	EVELYN FLORENCE WATSON	84
29	ISABEL (RODERICK) SOUZA	83

FEBRUARY

02	EDITH L. (STAPLES) CHASE	99
03	LOUISE (BENEVIDES) BRAGGA	87
03	MARY GLORIA PERRY	87
05	FRANCIS PATRICK GOGGIN	91
10	CLAIRE M. (HICKS) COLLINS	74
21	GEORGE MEYERS	65
27	LOUISE (GREENHALGH) SEARIGHT	67

MARCH

01	JAMES BOWER MURPHY, SR.	77
26	EDWARD J. DONNELLY	79
30	SR. JEANNE THERESE RIVARD	93

APRIL

05	WILLIAM LLOYD HOLMES	78
07	VIRGINIA DOROTHY (WALKER) PRUITT	71
15	JEAN MARIE ROY	77
21	ALVIN SILVIA	68
21	ELWYN H. STAFFORD	87
23	GIL BERNARDO FERRIAE	80

MAY

03	BERNICE MARY (HORTON) HEAGNEY	74
08	JOSEPH S. MIGUEL	92
15	RODERICK MCSWEEN	66
27	EDWIN BROADBENT, JR.	80
31	HELEN PEARL (LEONARD) MACDONALD	72

JUNE

07	GERTRUDE FRANCIS (ASHLEY) MOSHER	91
11	BERTHA A. (ST. GELAIS) SOUZA	66
19	ELEANOR CORNELIA (NICKERSON) ROY	82

JULY

11	JOHN W. SILVIA	68
14	EVELYN (RIVEIRO) PACHECO	71
17	DOROTHY P. (CHILDS) GORDEN	97
19	LORENZO MERRILL, JR.	68
22	GILBERT A. ROSE, JR.	50

AUGUST

04	ANTONE JOSEPH RODERICK	85
09	JOHN M. PERRY	74

SEPTEMBER

03	GERALDINE (OLIVER) PONTES	60
08	MARY LOUISE RAPOZA	83
09	JENNIE (GONIA) CUMMINGS	88
16	NARCISA (MENDONCA) DASILVA	86
17	JOSEPH MATTOS ROSE	74
27	EVELYN (ROSE) DONAHUE	81

OCTOBER

11	JOSEPH CARUSO	85
17	MARTHA M. (LAJEUNESSE) ROCHA	59

NOVEMBER

11	JOSEPH MARQUES CABRAL	90
15	ALBERTA P. (VASCONCELLOS) MCCRACKEN	62
19	ANNA LALANNE	85

DECEMBER

01	HERBERT F. ATWOOD, II	34
10	JOHN OLIVEIRA	75
23	JOHN SILVIA GOULART	82

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON DURING 1997

JANUARY

04 ELLIS E. STRANGE OF DIGHTON, MA AND IRENE M. PHILLINGER OF DIGHTON, MA

FEBRUARY

14 ROBERT W. SEARS OF DIGHTON, MA AND PATRICIA A. FERNANDES OF DIGHTON, MA

14 ANDREW G. MAGUY OF DIGHTON, MA AND TAMMY M. MELBERG OF TAUNTON, MA

APRIL

06 DAVID J. CUMMINGS OF DIGHTON, MA AND ADRIANE GASPAR OF DIGHTON, MA

12 JOEL E. WYROSTEK OF REHOBOTH, MA AND AMY E. BRADSHAW OF DIGHTON, MA

25 CLAUDE N. DESROSIERS OF DIGHTON, MA AND LISA A. MONGEON OF DIGHTON, MA

26 CHRISTOPHER W. READY OF DIGHTON, MA AND JENNIFER O. FOURNIER OF DIGHTON, MA

MAY

17 MICHAEL D. LACROIX OF DIGHTON, MA AND KIMBERLY R. MARSHALL OF DIGHTON, MA

JUNE

07 EDWARD D. REESE, JR OF DIGHTON, MA AND KYLE M. RODERIGUES OF DIGHTON, MA

14 KEVIN L. MAGAZU OF DIGHTON, MA AND CHARLOTTE M. PICCHI OF DIGHTON, MA

14 FRANK G. COSTA OF DIGHTON, MA AND IRINA AIVAZIAN OF LINCOLN, RI

14 MARK J. HALLIWELL OF DIGHTON, MA AND CHRISTINE M. TAVEIRA OF SOMERSET, MA

28 DAVID A. DESMARAIS OF FALL RIVER, MA AND LORI A. MACHADO OF TAUNTON, MA

JULY

18 DAVID E. VARLEY OF DIGHTON, MA AND BERNICE R. THOMPSON OF DIGHTON, MA

AUGUST

02 SCOTT R. LAMOTAGNE OF DIGHTON, MA AND MELANIE A. LAKE OF DIGHTON, MA

09 LAWRENCE G. HANEY, II OF BRISTOL, RI AND KAREN A. MIZHER OF BRISTOL, RI

SEPTEMBER

13 DAVID P. O'CONNOR OF DIGHTON, MA AND APRIL S. BOSS OF DIGHTON, MA

20 ROBERT E. CAREY OF ATTLEBORO, MA AND PAMELA R. STONE OF DIGHTON, MA

28 JAMES J. MCGANN OF DIGHTON, MA AND ALLISON K. SCULLY OF DIGHTON, MA

OCTOBER

17 JAMES E. ROSE OF E. TAUNTON, MA AND JENNIFER C. SAUERBIER OF TAUNTON, MA

NOVEMBER

01 MARVIN S. GUSTAFSON OF DIGHTON, MA AND SUSAN M. BROTHERS OF DIGHTON, MA

DECEMBER

11 CHARLES M. FORGUITES, JR OF DIGHTON, MA AND DONNA L. SMITH OF DIGHTON, MA

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

This is the fifteenth report of the Board of Appeals. During the year 1997, this Board conducted eighteen (18) public hearings where variances to the Zoning By-Laws were sought by property owners in the Town of Dighton. Of these cases, seventeen were approved and six were either denied or withdrawn.

Variances to the Zoning By-Laws are issued by the Board when its members find due hardships to the petitioner in failure to obtain a permit to build and when granting or a variance does not materially or adversely affect the public or the abutting property owners.

Zoning regulations could not be successfully imposed if they were not provided some means of granting relief to owners of land from hardships that arise from the strict application of the law. No matter how carefully the ordinances of by-law is drawn, there are bound to be cases in which literal application of the law deprives the owners of all, or almost all beneficial use of his land.

Board of Appeals

Joseph P. Pacheco	Michael Perry
Michael Duddy	Fred Thompson
Stephen Gilbert	David Araujo

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The values were certified for the town by the D.O.R.

Land values in town increased significantly from $43,560 value per acre to $57,900. This is a result of sales of land trending upward as good land is diminishing. Minor changes in various home values increased and some actually decreased.

Again this tax year, we were able to not utilize our full 'levy' capacity reducing our need to raise taxes. I certainly hope we can continue to stabilize the tax burden.

Ground work for the power plant has begun and within the next two years we should realize a new source of tax base.

Thanks for a job well done by our secretary Margery Marshall.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Long, Chairman
Pauline Smith, Clerk
Joseph Silva, Assessors

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the citizens of the Town of Dighton:

The Board would like to thank the following individuals and departments:

Chief Jeffrey Allie ..... and the Fire Department
Alice Souza ..... Council on Aging
Chief Gary Sanson ..... and the Police Department
Supt. Paul DeMoura ..... and the Highway Department
Donald French ..... Plumbing Inspector
Joseph Lawrence ..... Building Inspector
Joseph Rapoza ..... Electrical Inspector

All of the above share in handling the variety of problems and complaints which are reported to this office.

The duties of the Health Agent are presently being handled by two people.

Richard Bellavance ..... Percolation Tests
Alice Souza ..... Domestic concerns of the elderly
Richard Bellavance ..... Health and Sanitary Inspections

The Board gives special thanks to Rosemary Borden, Registered Nurse and Paul Hoffshire, Animal Inspector.

The Board wishes to thank Joseph Frizado for his services as our landfill and recycling attendants.

We are pleased to report no significant problems for the past year. However, the Board had numerous complaints which required attention and investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Perry, Chairman
Frank G. Costa
Gene Nelson
BOARD OF HEALTH

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

The year 1997 was a busy year for the sewer commissioners and the sewer department. Richard F. Simmons was reelected to another three year term on the board.

The Board meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, unless otherwise posted with the town clerk's office. If you would like to meet with the board we ask that you call our office and make an appointment to be placed on our agenda.

Sewer billings are done bi-yearly during the months of January and July. The January 1998 Sewer rate has not been set to the date and not included in this report due to publishing dates. The board is still awaiting to hear from the city of Taunton regarding the results of the bidding process to upgrade Taunton's wastewater treatment plant. Estimates to upgrade the plant are considered to be $10,000,000.00 and Dighton's cost is 5% to contribute to the upgrade. Raynham will also have to contribute a percentage of costs to the upgrade of the plant.

The Sewer Commissioners received a gift of a water meter reader gun from Dighton Power. Associates. We are now able to read the Dighton water district's water meters each March and September. This will give us a fair and accurate information of residents accounts. This should eliminate problems we have faced in the past with Dighton water districts residents regarding Sewer billings.

The board had preliminary plans submitted by the Forest Hills Estates developers were submitted in December, 1996 and were rejected by the Board due to lack of information. During June again definitive plans were submitted and rejected by this Board. The Definitive plans are still being reviewed by this Board with the requested changes to meet the objectives and goals of the Sewer by-laws, including operation and maintenance of the system and pump stations. The Board does not believe that the type of Sewer system proposed by the developers is good for the town as represented in those definitive plans.

Sewer Superintendent's Report

In the year 1997, the Sewer Department pumped the following gallons of sewage to the city of Taunton:

PERIOD:	PARK STREET	LINCOLN AVENUE	ROUTE 138
Jan-March	8,198,800 GALS.*	3,339,220 GAL.	1,750,680 GALS.
April-June	8,805,200 GALS.*	3,261,380 GALS.	1,813,670 GALS.
June-Sept.	7,378,400 GALS.*	1,620,360 GALS.	1,216,510 GALS.
Oct.-Dec.	7,520,400 GALS.*	1,743,160 GALS.	1,298,780 GALS.
Totals:	31,902,800 GALS.*	9,964,120 GALS.	4,780,860 GALS.

Grand total of flow to Taunton: 46,647,780 million gallons.

*Includes South Walker Street flows

Total permits for sewer connections granted 1997: 4

Total inspections made in 1997: 4

In 1997, we continued preventative maintenance on the equipment. The department will continue this policy for 1998. In the coming year, the Sewer Department will be flushing out sewer lines. We will also be inspecting manholes and regularly checking the sewer lines.

I would like to thank Jason Enos and Richard Kotouch, Assistant Superintendents; and Harold Gracia Sr., for their help and dedication during this past and very busy year. I also appreciate the help from other town departments, including the Highway Department and Paul DeMoura, as well as the Board of Sewer Commissioners for their support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold J. Gracia, Jr.
SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

The Board of Sewer Commissioners are still pursuing monies for extending the sewers. Our problems lie with stricter laws regarding the Massachusetts Sanitary Code - Title V - and the Federal Clean Water Act. This is forcing the Sewer Commissioners to re-evaluate our need to extend our sewer lines. Our "sewer" master plan was done in 1978 and only addresses the North Dighton area. To be eligible for grant monies or monies with no interest or low interest loans we will need the help of town meeting so this plan can be updated and completed. The Board plans to submit articles to update the plan we have and to include the rest of Dighton in this overall plan. The Board is well aware of trouble spots in town especially in South Dighton. We have also kept in contact with our State Representative Joan Menard and Senator Marc Pacheco as well as our Federal Representative, Barney Frank in this matter. Our Office Manager, Marylou Drown has been keeping up-to-date with various information, new laws and what little State-Federal grants might be available.

In concluding to this report the Board also wishes to thank Harold J. Gracia, Jr., our employees, and Maylou Drown, our Office Manager. Our sincere thanks to the Board of Selectmen, Mrs. Brenda Herbeck, Town Clerk; Mrs. Janice Boucher, Town Accountant; and other many Town Departments who have made our jobs easier over the years.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil L. Sousa, Chairman
Roberta M. Perry, Clerk
Richard F. Simmons,
BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

One hundred ninety-nine Building Permits were issued for 1997.

New Homes	29
Additions or Alterations	59
Commercial Buildings	5
Garages	9
Religious	0
Swimming Pools	13
Wood Stoves	13
Razing	10
Miscellaneous (fences, small buildings, decks, signs, etc.)	61

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the secretaries in our office, our new Fire Chief, Jeffrey Allie along with the Health Agent, Richard Bellavance, and all others who have assisted me in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Lawrence
BUILDING INSPECTOR

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT DECEMBER 31, 1997

On June 30, 1997 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed thirty-eight years of service to the cities and towns of Bristol County.

The mosquito control project works year-round in its efforts to reduce mosquito breeding sites and adult mosquito populations. The Project uses several different measures of control in its never ending fight against mosquitoes.

Winter Pre-hatch - To treat breeding areas that are accessible only on the ice during the winter months.

Spring and Summer Larviciding - To reduce the emergencies of adult mosquitoes in areas where mosquito larvae is present.

Catch Basin Treatment - To stop mosquito emergence from rain-filled catch basins and storm drains.

Light Trapping Program - To monitor mosquito populations as to their type and number - a program necessary in encephalitis surveillance. Light trapping of mosquitoes is also useful to determine what areas have high mosquito populations and should be sprayed.

Water Management - A year round endeavor to clean and construct mosquito drainage ditches in lowland swamps to reduce their favorability as breeding sites for mosquito larvae.

It is the policy of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project to use pesticides that are environmentally safe so that the safety of the people and environment are not jeopardized. We use as many of the biological insecticides as are practical with the environmental conditions present in the New England area. We are presently using three different formulations of B.T.I. in our larviciding program.

All of our spray equipment is calibrated periodically in order to insure that dosage rates remain at safe levels but are adequate to reduce mosquito populations. The operators of our spray equipment are state certified pesticide applicators that are required to attend classes on pesticide safety on a yearly basis.

The 1997 mosquito season got underway with mosquito larvae appearing in many wetland areas by mid-March. Mosquito breeding sites were much larger than previous years due to the extremely high water levels. This resulted in unusually large broods of adult mosquitoes.

We began our adult mosquito fogging program the last week of May. The demand for our service was intense as the residents were concerned about the safety of their children's

health. Media coverage of a possible EEE threat for the 1997 season alarmed many residents that bordered wetland.

Our calls for service this mosquito season were the highest ever. It was mid-July before we finally knocked the mosquito population down to tolerable levels.

Throughout Southeastern Massachusetts this season a total of 23 isolates of EEE virus were found in non-human biting mosquitoes. Although the virus was found in two areas of Bristol County there were no human cases.

The Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health and the Bristol County Mosquito Control keep a close watch on the EEE virus activity to help insure the safety of the residents of Bristol County.

The Project answered all requests for spraying along with our regular spraying of known infested areas for a total of 3,180.6 sprayed acres.

During the spring and summer months 22.6 acres of breeding wetlands were larvicided.

I would like to thank the town officials and the people of Dighton for their continued support and cooperation and look forward to serving them in the coming year. Should anyone have a question as to what might be done to relieve a mosquito problem in their area, whether it is water management work, treatment of a breeding site, or just having an area checked, please feel free to call our office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan W. DeCastro
SUPERINTENDENT

ANNUAL REPORT OF CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Budget	500.00
Studio Expenses	444.96
Balance	54.04

In the year 1997 we made improvements in the studio. A 100 amp service was installed and the Committee remolded the studio set. Donations were made by Media One, and others. Bill Spring donated a T.V. set that was much needed we thank him. We will miss him and the many hours he spent with us. Our Committee has 3 active members left and are in need of interested volunteers.

In June we started working on a new cable contract. Many new services are available and we must get all that we can to insure our future in this modern age.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Olney, Chairman
Roberta Perry James Ready

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton

Lack of funds prevented mowing of the cemeteries back from the road. Charles C. Hoffshire was taken ill during the mowing season, but his family took over and will continue to do the mowing, and repairs if there are enough funds.

Brush is cleared when possible. Some of the Boy Scouts are cleaning cemeteries as an Eagle Scout project for which we are grateful.

Vandalism in various cemeteries causes extra work on repairs of stones. If anyone sees vandalism taking place, please call the police.

Cemetery Commissioners
Arthur Morton
Elaine Varley, Clerk
Thomas Ferry

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Dighton Council on Aging (DCOA) was authorized by Annual Town Meeting in 1973. The DCOA is primarily funded by town appropriations and special grants and is governed by a board of 9 members appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

The DCOA meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7 PM at Lincoln Village. All meetings are held according to the Open Meeting Law and all are welcome to attend.

The DCOA is open 5 days a week. The Lincoln Village office is open from 10 to 3:30 and the "PRIME TIME" office is open from 8:30 to 3. Call either office for any information you may be looking for.

"PRIME TIME" our latest addition is located in the lower level of the Town Hall on Rt. 138. "PRIME TIME" is an Adult Supportive / Respite Day care. (We offer temporary relief or rest for caregivers who need help.) Supervision is offered on a daily basis 5 days a week from 8:30 to 3. A Home like atmosphere is provided fostering openness, sharing, laughter, and understanding in an informal setting. Elders benefit from stimulation and support of a small group as well as participating in regularly scheduled activities and programs. "PRIME TIME" offers elders an opportunity to socialize, enjoy a light breakfast, a nutritious lunch and snacks with their peers. The Goal of the program is to foster personal enrichment and to promote the highest level of social functioning in a safe, caring and nurturing environment. Our Staff is devoted, caring and creative. They benefit from receiving as much love and learning as they give.

We are very proud to announce that "PRIME TIME" is self supporting at this time, due to grants, a trust award and donations and that we are doing a genuine service to our Community, and the communities around us.

To date 50 clients have come to our program, and currently we have 21 enrolled.

The STARS CLUB, our Intergenerational Program, continues to be a success. Christine Bowden has left us to pursue her career as a new mother. It's a Boy #3 Congratulations "Christy". Gena Alegria will be our new Intergenerational Coordinator. Welcome aboard Gena.

We wish to thank Lou McQueston and Grace Murray for their time. Lou has moved out of State, and Grace Murray who has given many many years an elder Companion, has retired from the COA, enjoy your well deserved rest Grace. Marge Dissmore will replace Grace. Welcome aboard Marge.

Many Thanks also to our devoted STAFF: Cathy, Natalie and our Senior Aides, Rita, Joyce and Kathleen. We are also blessed by many volunteers who also play a great part in the success of our programs. We especially wish to thank "The Dominican Sisters of the Presentation", who volunteer on a regular basis.

The DCOA continues to work diligently to meet the needs of those over 60 years of age. We could not do this without the cooperation of our Board of Selectmen, Many Thanks! We also wish to express our thanks to the town departments for their cooperation in helping us meet these needs and to the citizens of our Town who have always backed us up. We especially wish to thank the Dighton Housing Authority for allowing us space at Lincoln Village.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Mendoza, Chairman
Mary Rebello, Secretary
Dr. James Hoye
Dr. Walter Johnson

Leo Lake, Vice Chairman
Hilda Brown, Treasurer
Rosebelle Boucher
Kenneth Horrocks

Alice E. Souza, Director
Natalie McDonald, Volunteer Coordinator
Gina Alegria, Intergenerational Coordinator
Rita Savoy, Senior Aide

Catherine Phillips, Assistant Program Manager
Marge Dissamor, Companion
Kathleen Ferreira, Senior Aide
Joyce Schweighardt, Senior Aide

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER-1997

DOG LICENSES		DOGS LICENSED	
Females	$6.00	Females	11
Spayed Females w/certificate	$3.00	Spayed Females	74
Males	$3.00	Neutered Males	43
Kennels	$10.00, $25.00, $50.00	Males	40
		Kennels	6

All dogs over the age of three months are required by law to be licensed every year and wear the tag attached to a collar or harness. New dog licenses are available at the town office on or before April 1st. Unlicensed dogs can be picked up at the owners expense. Dog owners are completely responsible for the welfare and actions of their dogs. I wish to thank the members of the Police Department, Communitcations Center, Town Office and Street Department for all their help and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
William Frenette
DOG OFFICER

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month, normally beginning at 7PM. Prior to Town Meeting, the Committee meets as often as once each week. Our meetings are held at the Town Hall and are open to the public. The Finance Committee has openings for three additional members during the current fiscal year and we urge citizens of Dighton to contribute to their community through membership on the Committee.

Beginning in January of each year, the Finance Committee holds hearings and reviews the proposed budgets of all Town departments. On the basis of the hearings, reviews, and analysis of budget proposals, the Committee makes recommendations to the Town Meeting for the most effective use of the Town's funds. The Finance Committee strives to maintain the highest possible of level of services for all citizens subject to the Town's limited tax base and other sources of revenue. Is the responsibility of the Finance Committee to recommend an allocation of available funds to best meet the needs of the Town. The Finance Committee also makes recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on fiscal issues throughout the year.

Members of the Finance Committee urge voters to attend the Town Meeting and to participate in the Town's decisions. Town Meetings and service on committees are opportunities to share in the operation of your Town. We encourage all to take advantage of these opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Conlon (Secretary)
Della Hathaway
William Hogan (Chair)
Ernest Silva, Jr. (Vice Chair)
FINANCE COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

I hereby respectfully submit my second (2nd) Annual Report for the Dighton Fire Department as required by Section 41 of Chapter 48 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The Dighton Fire Department has been extremely busy in 1997. During the past year the Fire Department has continued to update equipment and the training of personnel.

February 1997 - I applied for and received a license for the Town of Dighton to upgrade our ambulance service from Basic Life Support to Advanced Life Support.

April 1997 - Firefighter - 1 training program was introduced to the Fire Department with eighteen (18) members participating.

Four members of our Water Rescue Team received certification in Advanced Open Water Rescue Diving.

The Fire Department also added new computerizing Fire Fighting Programs and a new Water Rescue Program to our agenda along with two (2) water rescue diving suits for cold water rescue.

I am proud to announce that in September 1997, the Town of Dighton received its new Ambulance and a new Emergency Technician Training Course was introduced to the Fire Department.

October 1997 - the Department of Public Safety Academy notified the Fire Department we were approved and would receive a grant from them in the amount of $4,411.51 to be utilized for Fire Prevention Programs for Pre School and Elementary School children.

November 1997 - Twenty (20) members of the Dighton Fire Department attended Incident Command Training School. The twelve (12) hour course was given by the Massachusetts Fire Academy, designed to help emergency personnel to better understand Radio Communications and Command Leadership.

However, the Fire Department is always looking toward the future.

The North End Fire Station (Station 2) must have a newly constructed addition. The existing structure is too small at the present time to accommodate any new Fire Apparatus. The age of the trucks now at Station 1 are of great concern to me.

The large increase in the number of emergency calls also greatly concerns me.

Unfortunately, Station 2 will remain unmanned until such time the Town of Dighton can afford to add additional full time personnel to man the Station.

A special thanks is extended to the officers and members of the Fire Department for their performance and dedication to the Town of Dighton. I also want to thank the Police Department, Highway Department, Building Inspector and the residents of Dighton for their continuous assistance and support.

Congratulations are extended to John Boarman for completing training and becoming a Certified EMT.

The Fire Department responded to a total of 791 incidents which includes 397 Ambulance and Rescue Calls.

Permits for 1997

Black Powder	1	Oil Storage	40
Underground Storage	1	L. P. Gas	15
Tank Truck Inspections	2	Smoke Detectors	89
Blasting Permits	3	Undergound & Tank Removal	10
Building Plan Review	36	Open Burning Permits	1310

Total Permits Issued

Inspection's: All inspections have been made in accordance with Section 1 of Chapter 143 of all buildings licensed by and under the supervision if the Department of Public Health.

Dighton Fire Department
Official Roster as of December 31, 1997
Allie, Jeffery J. - Chief of the Fire Department

Albert, Barbara #
Allie, Irene *
Belander, Roland *
Boarman, John *
Burt, Donald
Carr, Matthew *
Daniel, Stephen
Duddy, James *
Farias, Michael
Ferry, Thomas *
Fitta, Raymond
Gingras, David
Gracia, Kevin
Holt, Johnathan
Horton, Neil **
Howland, James *
Laine, Russell *
Lopes, Kerri *
Maguy, Michael
Martin, Michael *
Medeiros, Thomas **
Mullen, Richard
Murray, Robert Jr.
Perry, Joseph Jr.
Perry, Michael
Pontes, Stephen
Rasmussen, Wayne *
Rasmussen, William *
Ready, Christopher **
Ready, Mark *
Reed, Paul
Rines, Philip Sr.
Roderick, Antone *
Rose, Francis
Smus, Joseph
Strange, Brian *
Thomas, Keith *
Torres, Peter *
Urban, Shawn
White, Joseph Jr. **
Wilbur, Federick

** Full Time Fireman/EMT's / * EMT's
# Ambulance Billing Clerk

List of Fire Apparatus & Years of Service

Fire Apparatus	Years of Service
Engine #1 - 1984 Farrar (Ford) Pumper 1000 GPM	14
Engine #2 - 1971 Farrar (Chev.) Pumper 100 GPM	17
Engine #3 - 1989 Maxin (Custom) Pumper 1500 GPM	10
Engine #4 - 1962 Farrar (Chev.) Pumper 750 GPM	36
Engine #9 - 1965 International (Gov't Surplus) Brush Fire 500 GPM	33
Ambulance - E-1 (Ford)	NEW
Rescue II - 1977 Houston (Chev.)	21
Chief's Car - 1987 Ford	11

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey J. Allie
CHIEF

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON HARBORMASTER

- Approximately 18 private Mooring registered in 1997.
- TYC provided approximately 29 listings of Members - Mooring Field Yearly Permit required.
- SYC now have Army Corp. approval for 29 Moorings; yearly permit required.* (Only 18 Mooring owners this year).
- Shaw's "SLIPS" are full + 4 confirmed yearly permitted Storm Moorings in operation.
- *A list indicated Reg.#'s/name and telephone #'s provided by July of each year. It would be easy to find owner without calling Boston Registration people, if or when a boat breaks loose and flounders on shore. A copy can be given to Police Department, if desired.
- Various problems encountered this year from contacts with non-registered boats, boat debr, to explanations of local boat taxes, Mooring violations, speeding and wake generations in Mooring areas, (a big thing) etc. Thanks to Ron Morino's efforts, speeding and uncalled for wake problems have been minimized, but Harbor Master's Office will purchase (2) floating "No Wake" signs next year.
- Eel Trappers were not as prevalent in this years Dighton's portion of the River. Very difficult to police this activity without pulling pots or constant surveillance. **Note: River 'still' polluted; no shell fishing.**
- Old ICI has not pulled their pipe in the River when they moved out. Marker not seen, but should not be a problem.
- I formally requested that all Moorings be checked each year by Yacht Clubs, as well as advised Y.C./Marinas, that all waste oil must be accounted for. This year a State funded Pump Out Boat is in the River, Louis Moniz can be contacted by phone for service (#672-2849).
- Placement of private aids to navigate markers on the Dighton portion (North of Shaws) of the River is still holding up. Looks and still is great thanks to T.R.A.!
- On new/renewed applications, Moorings are required to be marked with registration numbers, so that no problems, as to true ownership, will reoccur. So far, this has worked out well.
- No up-to-date Registration or Documentation of Boat - No Mooring. Also, no Mooring without a current boat. No Mooring Permit transferred except to immediate family.
- Met with Coastal Zone Management and Taunton River Alliance People on various occasions.
- Ron Morino of Pleasant St. (3-yr. position as Assistant Harbormaster) has acted diligently in the interest of Dighton in this position. By copy of this report, he will be reappointed for another 3-year term (August 1998).

Note: The Coast Guard requires white with Blue Stripe Mooring Markers.

cc: Conservation Committee
Ron Morino (Fax #617-478-3900)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

After a mild winter, Mother Nature played an April Fool's joke on us with a major snow storm, which caused major tree damage.

The Highway Department did the last large item pick up in April.

In the summer, we black-topped Anderson Drive, Millers Lane, Kirk Terrace, Susan Road, Chyle Road, Rebecca Road, and Karen Road.

A lot of time has been spent at the landfill this year preparing for closure, and more will be spent next year to save on the cost of capping.

The Department also spends a lot of time on roadside litter.

The Department finished the basement of the Town Hall and also did construction of a room at the library.

I would like to thank the men of the Highway Department, Police Department, and Fire Departments, The Board of Selectman, and the citizens of the Town for their support and cooperation.

Paul DeMoura
Highway Superintendent

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Dighton Historical Commission lost a devoted historian in the death of Charles W. Harris, Chairman of the Dighton Historical Commission since it was formed in 1973.

Jeffrey Philbrook was added to the commission in February 1997. We now have filing space in the front office at the Town Hall and important materials will be kept there.

Elaine Varley photo copied the inventory forms on many of the historic buildings in town, and Colette McKeon is cataloging them and they will be available in the Library for public use.

Fred Woodcock is working on publishing a quarterly newsletter to be distributed in town.

The State Historical Commission approved of the Dighton Wharves Historic District, including 4 dwellings and three wharves at 2298-2328 Pleasant Street and the Coram Shipyard Historic District, 2120-2130 Water Street, two dwellings and wharf where the Taunton Yacht club is now located.

The Districts, after ten years of work, were accepted on the National Register of Historic Places in July 1997. The certificate was presented to the Selectmen on October 29, 1997. It is now framed and hung in the conference room of the town hall.

Finally, after a lengthy discussion a fund named the "SEGREGANSET SCHOOL RESTORATION" was set up and businesses and individuals are being contacted for donations. Donations may be sent to the Town Hall, 979 Somerset Avenue, Dighton, Ma.

An application for a grant was sent to the Massachusetts State Historical Commission for aid in this project.

We wish to thank the Dighton Street Department for the work done on the school house to help protect the building until more work can be done by a contractor.

The Historical Commission meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Varley, Chairman
Colette McKeon, Secretary
Catherine Yelle
Fred Woodcock
Jeffrey Philbrook

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

We hereby submit this annual report of the Dighton Public Library for 1997 to the residents of Dighton.

During 1997 the library underwent changes in growth and personnel. Our third full year of automation has shown a dramatic increased in circulation and library usage. Dighton patrons are able to use our Public Access Computer, to locate materials and place their own holds on books and other materials available from other libraries. We receive daily delivery of materials requested from other libraries so holds and requests are quickly filled . Access to the ABLE catalogue is now available at home through your internet service so patrons can place holds on items at home and pick them up at the library.

The Library has seen personnel changes during 1997. In October, Ginette Bays was hired to replace Cheryl Furtado as circulation / catalogue librarian.

The library continues to provide services to the Dighton schools through use of a homework / project alert for teachers and weekly visits to classrooms. During 1997 the Dighton Public Library (DPL) loaned 2173 items to the elementary school. Students have many resources available to them at the library for school projects, such as, CD-Rom workstation, internet access, magazine databases, fax services for reference, word processing, and encyclopedias. The DPL received a $6000 grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners to open a Homework Center in the library for students in grades five through eight. Members of the Dighton Highway Department were able to help clean out half of the storage area in the library basement and construct a wonderful space for the new Homework Center. The Homework Center opened on December 1, 1997 with new school related reference materials, CD-Rom programs , a new computer work station and new furniture. Maggie St.Ours, Youth Librarian, worked closely with the middle school teachers to be able to provide materials closely related to school work and projects. Maggie also promoted use of the library by planning holiday parties and events, school vacation week activities and three weekly story / craft hour for children.

The DPL offers a home delivery outreach program to Dighton residents who are 65 years or older and/ or disabled and can not come to the library.

In March 1997 the DPL received $5,641. from the state Meg/Lig program for compliance with state library regulations. The purpose of the State Aid to Public Libraries is to:

- encourage towns to support and improve public library services
- compensate for disparities in municipal funding capacities
- offset the cost of circulation materials to Massachusetts non-residents

The library received $800 from the Massachusetts Arts Lottery Council to fund enrichment programs during the summer reading program. The programs were well attended and helped promote a successful summer reading program.

The Friends of the DPL have had a successful year. The friends enjoyed the "Night at the Cabaret" with Shirley McAfee. The Fourth Annual Strawberry Festival was held in June and was a successful fund-raiser for the DPL. The proceeds from the Strawberry Festival paid for a pass to the Boston Children's museum. The Friends were also able to purchase a pass to the Rogers William's Park Zoo. The holidays were busy at the library . The Friends

sponsored the Children's Christmas party. On December 4, selected members of the DMS chorus sang holiday songs to bring seasonal cheer to the library.

The staff and trustees sincerely appreciate the support and generosity of the residents of Dighton. We have made great strides to improve our services and will continue to do so in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Rust, Library Director
Robert Gay, Trustee
Lynn Dupont, Trustee
Karen Rose, Trustee

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board met for our regular bi-monthly meetings this past year 24 times, plus 10 additional meetings.

The Planning Board approved 12 approved Form "A" plans, Subdivision Control Law Approval Not Required.

Seven Public Hearings were held, listing them as follows:

1. Taunton Expo Site Plan - February 5; (approved February 5, 1997)
2. Golf Driving Range & Practice Greens (Miranda) - March 19; (approved July 23, 1997)
3. Zoning By-law Amendments on Frontage and Communication Towers - April 16; (approved)
4. Zoning By-law Amendments on Town Growth & Develop & Subdivision Phasing - May 7; (approved)
5. Forest Hill Estates Subdivision (D.I.Trust) - August 13
6. Forest Hill Estates Subdivision Continuance - September 24
7. Forest Hill Estates Subdivision 2nd Continuance - December 2; (denied December 17, 1997)

From Planning Board fees for site plans, subdivision preliminary and definitive plans, form "A" plans, and booklets for zoning by-laws and subdivision rules/regulations, the Board has collected (for calendar year) the sum of $60,598.85.

The Board would like to thank Catherine Yelle for her services as our secretary. Also, Thanks to the Board of Selectmen, Attorney David Gay (Town Counsel), Joe Lawrence (Building Inspector and Zoning Enforcing Officer), Jim Miller (Consulting Engineer), the Conservation Commission, Board of Appeals, and all other Boards and town personnel who have co-operated with us during the past year.

Our office is open Monday through Friday, Noon to 4 p.m.. The Planning Board meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. downstairs at the Town Hall. We invite the public to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

William Costa, Chairman
William Silvia, Vice-chairman
Thomas Andrews
Michael Hagopian
Bruce Murphy
DIGHTON PLANNING BOARD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1997. Before I submit my report I would like to say that Alfred Pacheco, Jr. retired from the position of Chief of Police in December of 1997. We all here at the Dighton Police Department wish him a healthy and happy retirement and want to thank him for his many years of service with the town.

OFFICERS

Full Time Officers:
Acting Chief Gary T. Sansonl Seargents - Robert L. MacDonald, Michael F. Rose; Patrolman - Samuel D. Pine, Douglas P. Roy, James A. Lavigne, Edward F. Dutra, Charles A. Brown, David P. McGuirk.

Reserve Officers:
John Paul Batista, Jerome Coelho, Valerie A. Costa, Delfin Dioosomito, Roger S. Duarte, James Duddy, Scott Labonte, Cory H. Medeiros, Kirk Mumford, Gary Olney, William J. Perry, Wayne Rasmussen, William Rasmussen III, Paul R. Reed, Jr., Frank Sylvia, Joanne Webster.

The Police Department took in the following revenues and turned them into the Police Revolving Fund to purchase supplies for the department:

License to Carry Issued	(75)	$1,575.00
FID Cards Issued	(10)	30.00
Issurance Reports	(154)	688.00
Witness Fees		45.40
		$2,338.40

Privately Paid Extra Details turned into the Town for Officers payment: $261,704.50

Calls Responded to: 3,425

Accidents	185	Missing Persons	18
Alarms	557	Missing Persons Found	18
Arrests	52	Murder	0
Assaults	25	Suspicious Activity Calls	200
Assist Civilians	318	Warrants/209a/Summons	123
Assist Fire & Ambulance	346	Domestics	64
Assist Other Police Dept.	217	Complaints	572
B&E Auto	10	Rabid Animal Calls	12
B&E Building	35	Vandalism	67
Larceny	93	Misc. Calls	513

Ptlm. David P. McGuirk was the recipient of the annual MADD award.

The Dighton D.A.R.E. Program graduated 98 students in April from the core curriculum program and also conducted classes in grades K, 2, 4. Other activities held were Roller

Skating Parties for the entire Middle School and a visit from the New England Patriots linebacker Marty Morre who spoke to all the students in the Dighton Middle School on staying healthy and drug free. Bicycle Safety - Presentation - Perfection on Wheels was held in Mar for students of the Middle School and Elementary Schools. DARE Officer Durta and Health Coordinator Andrea Priest applied for and received a secondary grant to provide funds for the Gun Safety Program that was taught to first and third grade students. Ptlm Dutra also obtained re-certification to instruct grades 7 and 8. The Third Annual Golf Tournament was held and achieved its greatest success. The DARE Program will continue to grow in the following year. Ptlm. Dutra would like to thank the D-R School District, Dighton PTO, members of the Police Department, the Dighton Police Association, Marty Moore and the people of Dighton for their support.

The following Safety Programs were held at Bristol County Agricultural School. Bus Evacuation and also Marty Moore, linebacker of the New England Patriots came to the Aggie School and spoke with Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD).

Ptlm. Charles Brown is currently Liasion Officer for Dighton-Rehoboth High School, working with Principal Trent Danella, and other school officials in dealing with crimes taken place at the school. He is also the Department's Police Prosecutor for 1st District Court and Juvenile Court. Ptlm. Brown is also the town's Truant Officer. He has attented "Wellness" Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association seminar and member of the committee to promote health and wellness for all students in the community. He has attended various PTA meetings at D-R. Ptlm. Brown is a member of the Breathalyzer Committee at the Dighton-Rehoboth High School of which he voted in favor of a controversial decision in giving a breathalyzer test to students at the Junior and Senior Proms.

Four Officers went to C.O.B.W.E.B. Mountain Bike School, Sgt. R. MacDonald, Ptlm. Douglas P. Roy, Ptlm. Edward F. Dutra and Ptlm. David P. McGuirk were in attendance.

Two mountain bikes were purchased through grant money for the town's mobile bike patrol(s) which was placed into service.

We have been successful in receiving grants that we have applied for and have used them to provide funding for the DARE Program, and Community Policing. DARE Funds from the state $6,000.00 and Community Policing $4,500.00. We also continue to receive funding for the newly hired patrolman through the COPS Fats $75,000.00 grant. This three year Federal Grant from the COPS Fast project of the Nation's new crime bill that is being used to finance this officer.

I request your support to aid us in fighting crime, because without a joint effort from all of us we may never be able to bridge the gap between enforcement and crime and it's control. Please do not hesitate to call your police department to report anything you may believe to be suspicious in nature or out of the ordinary in behavior. Dial 911 for Emergencies to Report a Crime, Save a Life, Report a Fire. You may use 669-6711 for all other business.

In closing, I request the continued support of all as we face the increasingly complex challenges of the future. I wish to thank all department personnel for their contributions as

well as all our town officials and employees, state, county, and federal employees we work with, and a special thanks to the Dighton Police Associatioon for their continued support to the department. I would also like to thank our local merchants, Marty Moore, Deborah Gagnon and last, but not least, the citizens of the town for their unselfish assistance and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary T. Sanson
Chief of Police

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

As we enter 1998, we find that more State Regulations are being passed requiring additional inspections by the Sanitary Inspector. Most of these regulations are to protect the water and air quality.

The residents of Dighton have supported me in my past enforcement and inspections and I look forward to 1998 to serve the Town of Dighton.

The following permits were issued in 1996:

Sanitation Permits issued	55
Sewage Disposal Installers	39
Food Service Permits	40

I would like to thank everyone that has assisted and worked with me during 1997.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Bellavance
SANITARY INSPECTOR

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMAN

To the citizens of Dighton:

The year of 1997 has proved to be a fairly quiet year in our community. The repaving of the entire stretch of 138, from Taunton to Somerset has been nearly finished. Although it was somewhat inconvenient, it was a project badly needed.

The Board would like to thank Gary Sanson for the outstanding job he has done as Acting Police Chief. We are certain he will be outstanding as our Police Chief for many years to come.

Additionaly, the Dighton Board of Selectmen thanks all who assisted us in carrying out our duties. The time and effort of boards, committees, commissions, and operating departments have always been in the best interest and to the benefit of our community.

We extend our thanks to Annette Wertz, for all the hard work and dedication she has given to the Board of Selctman, Rita Gilbert, Clerk and Janice Boucher, Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene E. Nelson
Frank G. Costa
Robert G. Perry

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SRPEDD)

The Town of Dighton continued its participation in the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District during 1997. SRPEDD (pronounced sir-ped) is the regional agency serving twenty-seven cities and towns in southeastern Massachusetts. We are governed by a commission of local mayors, selectmen, planning board members and at-large members. We are funded by federal and state grants and local assessments. For 2997, the Town of Dighton paid $844.65 for our services, based upon an assessment of 15 cents per capita.

During the past year, the Town was represented on the SRPEDD Commission by Elizabeth Balaschak and Bruce Murphy. The Joint Transportation Planning Group representative was Richard Simmons.

Some of SRPEDD's more significant accomplishments during 1997 were:

- SRPEDD compiled and published 119 "priority development areas" and 60 "priority protection areas" as areas nominated by cities and towns where development is appropriate and encouraged or areas where preservation is important.

- SRPEDD organized the regionwide Vision 2020 Project to address growth issues in the 50 city and town area of Southeastern Massachusetts. A Task Force of regional civic leaders has been organized to guide this effort.

- We completed the annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which set regional priorities for $229 million of federal transportation funds over three years. The TIP budgeted funds for the Relocation of Rt. 44 from Carver to Plymouth, the first contact for the replacement of the Brightman Street Bridge between Fall River and Somerset, operating and capital funds for SRTA and GATRA, and other highway and bridge projects in the region; such as the Elm Street Bridge in Mansfield, the Crane Street Bridge in Norton, Tremont Street in Taunton, Davol Street at Rt. 6 in Fall River, Brook Street in Seekonk, and the Cranberry Highway in Wareham.

- SPREDD worked with the two regional transit authorities, GATRA and SRTA, on issues such as route evaluations, marketing, service to elderly and disabled persons, ridership data evaluation, welfare to work initiatives, and special Transportation Demand Management grants for Wareham service and summer festival service for New Bedford and Fall River.

- SPREDD maintains a web site which contains data and information about every city and town in the region - we can be reached at http://www.srpedd.org. SRPEDD also operates the Southeastern Massachusetts Data Center, providing information to businesses, cities and towns, and individuals.

- SRPEDD approved $1,437,000 for 6 Transportation Enhancement projects in the region. Included was the construction of bicycle paths in Fairhaven, Fall River, and Wareham; planning and design funds for a Mattapoisett bike path; a Buzzards Bay stormwater mitigation project and a Runnins River Pollitant Remediation project in Seekonk.

- An International Transportation report was prepared by SRPEDD for the New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce that addresses and makes recommendations for the linkage of the airport, seaport, rail, bus and highway modes of travel and freight transfer.

- SRPEDD continued to assist the ports of New Bedford/Fairhaven and Fall River/Somerset on harbor issues involving freight movement, dredging, national park planning, and passenger ferries.

- The region's Overall Economic Development Program was completed and certified by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, making the region eligible for federal economic development grants from EDA. The EDA priority projects for 1997 were: the Fall River, Kerr Mill Redevelopment; New Bedford, Rt. 18/Walnut Street Reconstruction (aquarium site); New Bedford/Dartmouth, Industrial Park Expansions in Attleboro, Taunton and Wareham.

- SRPEDD conducts a district-wide traffic counting program and maintains a computer file of all available traffic count data throughout the region. SRPEDD undertook over one hundred 24-hour automatic traffic counts throughout Southeastern Massachusetts, many of which included a calculation of the speed of traffic and vehicle classification.

- SRPEDD also compiled computerized accident records for 13 communities. This data is used to publish the region's 25 most dangerous intersections and road segments. This information helps with the redesign of the dangerous areas.

- SRPEDD prepared the 1997 Regional Transportation Plan which identified future transportation needs in the region, and has just released a region wide Congestion Management Study which seeks to reduce traffic congestion. A special study, with and engineering consultant, is underway for four problem highway interchanges: Route 24/ 140, Taunton; I-95/Toner Blvd., Attleboro/North Attleborough; I-495/Main Street/Route 140, Mansfield; and I-195/Route 6, Swansea.

- SRPEDD prepared the Regional Traffic Accidents 1994-1996 report identifying the 100 most dangerous intersections and 50 most dangerous roads in the region.

- SRPEDD maintained a computerized Travel Demand Model that projects traffic volumes to the year 2020.

- SRPEDD continued its affiliation with the South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation, which makes loans to small businesses for expansion. In 1997 SEED approved loans to 118 small businesses in the amount of $15 Million. These loans leveraged another $25 million in bank financing and are projected to create 600 new jobs.

- SRPEDD worked with the Mass. Highway Department and its consultant Vollmer Associates on the development of a Major Investment Study for improvements to Route 44 in Raynham, Lakeville and Middleborough. The key issue is removal of the Middleborough Rotary and double barreling of Route 44. An Environmental Impact Statement will be released in 1998.

In addition, municipal assistance was provided to Dighton in the following areas:

- Subdivision Review
- Technical Assistant Title 5 Grant (Septic locations)
- SRPEDD computerized 1994 through 1996 accident data

SRPEDD was created to serve the cities and towns of southeastern Massachusetts. We are governed by elected and appointed officials from all the cities and towns. We look forward to serving you in the future.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS SERVICES

I hereby submit my Annual Report for the year ending December 1997 (FY96-97).

The caseload for this year has averaged out to 4 to 6 cases.

This years expended benefits as usual have been paid on behalf of veterans' who qualify for financial aid, medical assistance and temporary financial aid when applicable.

Reimbursement of 75% of benefits paid to Dighton Veterans for FY 96-97 were in the amount of $12,888.56. This reimbursement is returned to the Town of Dighton's General Fund.

Veterans' and their dependents or any person seeking information or assistance may reach me at 669-5027, Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

Thursdays I am in the office from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM for walk-ins and no appointment is necessary. However you may call for an appointment during the hours noted above for a scheduled appointment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara L. Albert
VETERAN'S AGENT

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Year Ending December 31, 1997

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Richard W. Kisiel

Residence: 211 Jacob Street, Seekonk, MA 02771
Office: Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School
Telephone: Home: 336-3617 Office: 252-5015

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Francis J. Connor

SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Joseph J. Delude

TREASURER/ACCOUNTING OFFICER

Pauline R. Larue

SECRETARY TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENT

Carol Arnold

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CENTRAL OFFICE SUPPORT STAFF

Maryellen Andrade
Beverly Chaloux
Susan Darling
Carolyn DeMoura
Judy Evans
Jean Pacheco

DISTRICT-WIDE HEALTH COORDINATOR

Andrea Priest

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS SCHOOL NURSES

District-Wide:
Dr. Linda Tartell

Dighton:
Rosemary Borden, R.N.

Rehoboth:
Patricia Messier, R.N.

Dighton-Rehoboth:
Gail Nunes, R.N.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District

Term Expires:

Arthur Almeida, Chairperson
346 Swanee Drive, N. Dighton 1997

Kathleen Borrello
404 Swanee Drive, N. Dighton 1999

Stephen Braga
537 Tremont Street, Rehoboth 1997

Katherine Holt
850 Oak Street, N. Dighton 1998

David Katseff, Secretary
4 Apple Valley Drive, Rehoboth 1997

Mary Beth Moriarty
10 Dean Street, Rehoboth 1999

Dr. Morris D. Morris
85 Chestnut Street, Rehoboth 1999

Donald Nokes, Vice-Chairperson
2 Katie Drive, Rehoboth 1998

Katherine Pruneau
822 Oak Street, N. Dighton 1997

Janice Terry
66 Walker Street, N. Dighton 1999

ANNUAL REPORT
GENERAL INFORMATION

Entrance Age

First grade registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least six years of age or who will become six years of age on or before August 31. Kindergarten registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at lease five years of age or who will become five years of age on or before August 31.

Birth Certificate

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a birth certificate.

Vaccination

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a doctor's certificate of immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, measles, mumps, rubella, and polio or a statement from his/her physician that vaccination is inadvisable. Children entering school for the first time are also required to have a physical examination.

NO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle School, and High School

Whenever the school buses can be operated safely, there will be school in the District unless unforeseen emergencies make is necessary to close. In the event of closing, the information the will be broadcast over Radio Stations WARA (1320), Attleboro; WPEP (1570), Taunton; WSNE (93.3), WPRO (630), WJAR (TV 10), Providence; WSAR (1480), Fall River; Dighton Cable (TV 13); and, Rehoboth Cable (TV 51).

ENROLLMENT - OCTOBER 1,1996

Anawan/Palmer River and Dorothy L. Beckwith Middle Schools

Grade	*Enrollment*
K	117
1	143
2	149
3	128
4	152
5	145
6	146
7	152
8	144
TOTAL	1276

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School

Grade	*Enrollment*
9	148
10	133
11	138
12	145
TOTAL	**564**

TOTAL ENROLLMENT FOR REHOBOTH - 1840

ENROLLMENT - OCTOBER 1,1996

Dighton Elementary and Middle Schools

Grade	*Enrollment*
K	69
1	84
2	79
3	80
4	93
5	101
6	96
7	97
8	78
TOTAL	**777**

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School

Grade	*Enrollment*
9	71
10	90
11	80
12	75
TOTAL	**316**

TOTAL ENROLLMENT FOR DIGHTON - 1093

SCHOOL CALENDAR

As Approved by the School Committee

1996-97

Dighton, Rehoboth, and
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School

	ELEM	MIDDLE	D-R
School Opens September 4,1996 Closes December 20,1996	73 days	73 days	73 days
School Opens January 2,1997 Closes February 14,1997	30 days	30 days	30 days
School Opens February 24,1997 Closes April 18,1997	39 days	39 days	39 days
School Opens April 28,1997 Closes June,1997	39 days	39 days	39 days
TOTAL	**181 days**	**181 days**	**181 days**

SCHOOL WILL CLOSE ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS

October 14,1996 - Columbus Day

November 11,1996 - Veterans' Day

November 27, 28, 8 29,1996 - Thanksgiving Recess

December 20 - January 2,1997 - Christmas Recess

January 20,1997 - Martin Luther King Day

February 17 - 21,1997 - Winter Recess

March 28,1997 - Good Friday

April 21 - 25,1997 - Spring Recess

May 26,1997 - Memorial Day

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I hereby submit my first report as Superintendent of Schools. Having served as the Assistant Superintendent since 1991, I was familiar with the events and activities that occurred during the 1996-97 school year. The school district completed the third year of the strategic planning process that focused upon making specific improvement in critical areas as mandated by the Massachusetts Educational Reform Act of 1993. With greater emphasis on administration, teacher, and student accountability, the educational reform act has been a key impetus to raise standards for all members of the educational community. This school district had the insight, prior to the passage of education reform, to develop a long-term planning and implementation process that contained the significant elements emphasized in that law. During the 1996-97 school year, the major categories addressed were technology, professional development, teacher evaluation, curriculum and instruction, and school facilities.

Technology:

At the completion of the 1996-97 school year, the status of technology in the district was as follows:

- A district-wide technology plan for the years 1997-2002 was completed.
- Full-time educational technology specialists were available in the K-8's and high school levels.
- Revised building level technology plans were completed based on the district-wide technology plan.

Professional Development:

Through the efforts of the school district's staff development committee, a wide range of after-school programs were offered in the following areas:

- Science instruction
- Mathematics instruction
- Teaching in the heterogeneous classroom
- Inclusion education
- Critical thinking
- Open-ended questions

The school district's teachers also took advantage of professional development offerings sponsored by the Technology Center, READS, ERR, and the SMARTS Collaborative. Additionally, approximately 50% of the teachers within the school district enrolled in graduate level courses at local colleges and universities.

Teacher Evaluation:

Through the most recent collective bargaining agreement with the teachers' association, the school district completed the first year of a new teacher evaluation instrument. Instead of a checklist, teachers and administrators collaboratively developed goals and objectives based upon individual, school, or district needs. The purpose of this new evaluation system is make supervision and evaluation more relevant and to improve instruction in the classroom.

Curriculum and Instruction:

The school district re-established three task forces (language arts, social studies, and physical education/health) to align the district's curriculum to the state curriculum

frameworks. The state frameworks are guidelines that all schools in Massachusetts should follow to insure that students will possess the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) to be administered in the spring of 1998. All students in grade four, eight, and ten will be required to participate in this testing process. District, school, class, and individual scores will be reported. In order to promote the goal of having all students read at grade level, a pilot instructional program in reading was instituted at the Palmer River School. A similar program utilizing Title One personnel was developed at Dighton Elementary School.

School Facilities:

A number of important initiatives were undertaken in the area of school facilities:

- Renovations and additions to the Dorothy L. Beckwith Middle School were completed.
- Citizens of Rehoboth approved a debt exclusion vote for renovations and additions to the Palmer River School.
- An elementary school facility needs committee in Dighton recommended both a short and long-term plan to renovate and add to the existing Dighton Elementary School.
- Renovations to science laboratory facilities were completed at the high school.

Special Education:

The philosophy of the school district continues to be to maintain high quality special education programs with reasonable financial commitments. A substantial majority of special education students participate in inclusion programs aimed at providing the "maximum feasible benefit in the least restrictive environment". The cost of tuition and transportation for students placed in out of district programs continues to be a major concern for all school districts in the Commonwealth. A legislative sub-committee has been formed to address the escalating costs borne by local school districts. Most of the out of district placements from the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District are within the SouthCoast and READS Collaboratives, thus mitigating expensive financial costs to private day or residential programs.

Central Office Administrative Appointments:

With the departure of Dr. Kisiel, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Delude, School Business Administrator, the central office administration is now comprised of the following individuals:

- Dr. Francis Connor, Superintendent of Schools, previously Assistant Superintendent and Administrator of Pupil Services (1989-1997).
- Dr. Christopher Kendall, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Schools, previously Special Education Director, Interim Superintendent, Principal, and Pupil Personnel Director in Massachusetts and Florida.
- Mr. Thomas Moon, School Business Administrator, previously Business Manager, Accountant, and Treasurer for school districts and towns in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

In conclusion, as the new Superintendent of Schools I look forward to working collaboratively with the school committee, administration, teachers, and support staff to carry on the fine tradition of excellence expected by the citizens of both communities.

Francis J. Connor, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL OF THE DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

I am pleased to submit my second annual report as principal of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School.

Personnel:

Mr. George Petrin, assistant principal, retired after 25 years of service to D-R. He was replaced by Mr. Paul Giannakoulis, a former social studies teacher at D-R.

Mr. Glen Field, a former mathematics teacher, was appointed as an assistant principal in August, 1997.

Mr. Thayer Donovan was hired as the new Director of the Vocational School. Mr. Donovan was previously the principal of Davies Vocational High school in Rhode Island.

Mr. Stanley Franczyk, an English teacher at D-R, was appointed as the new athletic director.

Mr. Jonathan Corey was hired as a full-time social studies instructor.

Mr. Kurt Amber, Ms. Karen Krauss, and Mr. John Castriotta were hired as a mathematics instructors.

Ms. Melissa Yeaw was hired as a part-time English instructor.

Ms. Deborah DeQuattro was hired as a part-time art teacher.

Mrs. Linda Borges-Dubois was hired as a part-time business teacher and a part-time science teacher.

Ms. Stephanie Graves was hired as the new writing lab instructional aide.

Mr. William Coble was hired as a custodian.

Mr. James Thornley was hired as a custodian/courier.

Ms. Lisa Simoes was hired as the Planning Center aide.

Athletic Accomplishments:

The 1997 Falcons' athletic teams enjoyed a great deal of success. The football team, golf team, cross country team, and baseball team all completed their seasons as South Coast Conference champions or co-champions.

Curriculum and Instruction:

Ten minor courses were added to the curriculum in order to meet time and learning requirements.

Advanced Placement European History was added to the curriculum.

The Business Technology Department has connected their Multimedia PC Lab to the Internet.

The Science Department had two laboratories completely remodeled. Rooms 222 and 227 now have computers and access to the Internet to help with their experiments.

The English Department has added a Pioneer Disk Player to their computer system. It adds another method in which English students can become more involved in the curriculum and helps in their reading of great works of literature.

The Vocational High School has added 4 new computer stations to the Auto CAD Arch-Tech Drawing classes. The mill carpentry shop also has received a computerized router.

The Foreign Language Department took a group of language students to Spain and Portugal to help them to better use and understand the languages they are studying.

Faculty:

Mary Carter and Donald Murray have been appointed to the Massachusetts Business Educators' Association for the 1997-98 school year. They have attended at least 4 regional meetings and are currently at work on the implementation of the annual convention for the state to be in March.

Mathematics Department Chairperson, Suzanne Flaherty, attended a one week A.P. Calculus workshop in July.

Social studies members attended various conferences and workshops dealing with school law, curriculum, and classroom management strategies.

Members of the Science Department have taken various courses dealing with the Internet, A.P. Chemistry and A.P. Physics.

Members of the Special Education Department have taken courses dealing with conflict resolution and addiction disorders.

Enrollment:

As of October 1, 1997, there were 862 students enrolled at the high school: 324 from Dighton and 537 from Rehoboth. This represents a decrease of 18 students from last year.

Class of 1997:

This senior class had 200 students, 206 of whom graduated, 2 who did not meet graduation requirements, and 11 who withdrew during the school year. Of the 206 graduates, Dighton had 75 students (34%) and Rehoboth had 145 students (66%). Of the 206 graduates, 159 went on to further their education (77%), 40 went to work (19.5%), 3 went into the service (1.5%), and 4 had unknown plans (2%).

Senior Class Achievement:
Kimberly V. Miller was named the Robert T. Roy Medal winner as the Outstanding Member of the senior class. Kimberly was also the valedictorian and Melissa Haskell was the salutatorian.

Superior and Outstanding Academic Awards were presented to 59 seniors and 13 members received awards and certificates for Perfect Attendance for all of their 4 years of high school.

A total of 157 seniors (71.5%) took the College Board SAT's. The mean verbal score was 531 and the mean math score was 521. The verbal mean for Massachusetts was 508 and the national mean was 505; the math mean for Massachusetts was 508 and the national was 511.

Scholarships:
Kimberly V. Miller received the 13th Annual Mustard Seed Scholarship of $8,000 for each of 4 years at college for a total of $32,000.

The Citizens' Scholarship Foundation awarded 105 scholarships to members of the senior class who are attending schools of higher learning. They also awarded grants to 6 students who graduated from the Vocational School. Total awards amounted to more than $40,000.

Academic Accomplishments:
The National Merit Foundation commended 2 students in the Class of 1998, Brian Dewhirst and Michael Taylor.

Forty-one new members were inducted into the James F. Frates Chapter of the National Honor Society in November. This brought the total number of members to 73.

Advanced Placement Scores:
Our students continue to test well on the Advanced Placement Exams.

English Score of	Students	D-R%, 1997	National %, 1997
5	3	23.1	10.9
4	5	38.5	23.4
3	5	38.5	34.7
2	0	0	25.3
1	0	0	5.7
Chemistry Score of			
5	4	30.8	16.0
4	2	15.4	14.5
3	6	46.2	27.9
2	1	7.7	22.5
1	0	0	19.0

Calculus Score of			
5	1	14.3	11.9
4	4	57.1	20.4
3	1	14.3	27.3
2	1	14.3	19.9
1	0	0	20.5

It appears that this year, as well as in past years, out students do quite well. Other than that, I will leave it to others to analyze these results and draw their own conclusions.

School/Community Involvement:

Under the Massachusetts Education Reform Act of 1993, school councils were formed for every school in the Commonwealth. The following people are members for the 1997-98 school year:

Trent Danella	Principal
B. Carol Day	Teacher
Marilyn Martel	Teacher
David Harwood	Teacher
Carolyn Conrad	Teacher
Sharon Ledo	Parent
Gregory Crellin	Parent
Mary Hollinshead	Parent
Jane VanGyzen	Parent
William Corey	Student
Sarah Felides	Student
Jeff Sheehan	Student
Nick Wilson	Student
Kate Chute	Community (Rehoboth)
Pat Medeiros	Community (Dighton)

Concluding Remarks:

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School is a school that this community should be extremely proud of. It has a wonderful reputation, a reputation hard earned and based upon excellence of our staff, our programs, and our strong community support and involvement.

We are a school that, although not perfect, is in constant pursuit in all that we do. As principal of Dighton-Rehoboth, I can assure you that the pursuit of academic excellence will continue to be our primary goal and that we will continue to provide a high school that meets the academic needs of citizens of Dighton and Rehoboth.

Respectfully submitted,
Trent Danella

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL OF THE DIGHTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

I hereby submit my eleventh report as the principal of Dighton Middle School.

Personnel:

1. Mrs. Nancy Schroeder was hired as the new Family and Consumer Science teacher. Mrs. Schroeder is a graduate of Framingham State College and had previously taught in the Worcester and Falmouth Schools.
2. Mr. John Needs retired from his teaching position after 35 years of dedicated service to the students of Dighton. Mr. Needs' conscientiousness and dedication will be greatly missed.
3. Mrs. Deborah Sullivan was reassigned from the position of special education teacher to the position of classroom teacher in grade six.
4. Ms. Dawn Camire was hired as a new special education teacher. Ms. Camire graduated from Rhode Island College and worked for one year in Rhode Island.
5. Mr. Michael Milano was hired as a classroom teacher in grade eight. He is a recent graduate of Providence College.
6. Mrs. Jacqueline Puccini was hired as an instructional learning assistant.
7. Mrs. Denise McGuirk was hired as an instructional learning assistant.
8. Mrs. Nicolette Silva was hired as an instructional learning assistant.
9. Mrs. Dawnne Steele resigned from her position as an instructional learning assistant.
10. Mrs. Mary Soares transferred to the postion of cafeteria manager in Rehoboth.
11. Mrs. Judith Souza was appointed as the new cafeteria manager in Dighton.
12. Mrs. Sharon Neronha was hired as a cafeteria worker.

Curriculum and Instruction:

In the area of curriculum, a new mathematics program in grades five and six is being implemented this year. This program, Math Central, places more emphasis on problem solving and the use of manipulatives. Also, the new district-wide lanaguage arts program is being fully implemented for the first time. The same holds true for the health, physical education and family science programs. Those were revised last year to match the new state frameworks.

During the course of this school year, the social studies task force will be submitting its final recommendations to the school committee.

Community Involvement:

Community Involvement continues to be a hallmark of the Dighton Schools.

The Dighton PTO, under the current leadership of Mary Lou Rose, has done an outstanding job to support our school programs. The outgoing president, Mrs. Cheryl Amaral, deserves much thanks for all she accomplised. Money raised by the PTO has funded student assemblies, paid for field trips, and helped purchase educational materials among other things.

The Dighton DARE Program in cooperation with the Dighton Police Department remains a strong, positive force in our school. The dedication of Office Edward Dutra, the DARE officer, is highly commendable. Besides the regular classroom instruction that is part of the

DARE program, Officer Dutra brought a nationally acclaimed bicycle safety program to our school, organized after school roller skating parties for the students, and helped to fund the production of new student handbooks which display a strong anti-substance abuse message.

The Dighton Middle School Council continues to be a positive factor in the educational program of our school. The 1997-98 council is made up of the following members:

Paul Swett	Principal
Craig Brodie	Community Rep.
Betty Lou Aghkadian	Community Rep.
Phyllis Haskell	Parent
Terri Sheehan	Parent
Carole Horsman	Parent
Judith Parker	Teacher
Judith Bertozzi	Teacher

Much gratitude to the council members whose terms ended in June, 1997. They include Robin Whalen, Frank Miranda, and Susan Warren.

The complete focus of this year's council is the topic of parent involvement. The council will analyze how parents currently participate in the life of the school and make recommendations for the future.

Student Achievement:

At the June, 1997 eighth grade graduation, the following students were selected as major award winners:

Andrew Hagopian	Principal's Award
Cheryl Borden	Outstanding Student
Christopher Racine	Carolyn M. Booth Award
Lisa Woodcock	Leo T. Wontkowski Award
Matthew Hirschy	Leo T. Wontkowski Award

Also, the following students were recipients of the Presidential Scholar Award:

Sharla Algeria	Adam Ludovicz
Krystal Anuszczyk	Jillian Luz
Kristin Bilodeau	Ian Murray
Caryn Borden	Andrew Parris
Cheryl Borden	William Pasquill
Kristen Botelho	Jessica Ponte
April Cox	Christopher Racine
Brienne Cunniff	Jeffrey Sheehan
Carolyn Dutra	John Sidebottom
Kerri Grandmont	Rebecca Ventura
Andrew Hagopian	Ashley Wilkerson
Erika Hamilton	Diana Williams
Robert Hatton	Katie Wilusz
Matthew Hirschy	Nicholr Phillippino
Jessica Kopecky	

Other notable achivements included the following:

A. A DMS Odyssey of the Mind team qualified for the state finals held in Worcester. The team, coached by teacher Susan Warren, included the following students: Elizabeth Andrews, Courtney Keegan, Kristen McKeon, Stephen Sypole, Richard Sylvia, Laura Stafford, and Kathryn Rose.

B. Seventh grader Kate Stafford won the Spring Massasoit League Spelling Meet and finished third in the New Bedford Standard Times Southeastern Massachusetts Regionals.

C. Recognition in the field of art was received by Jason Gregory in the Boston Symphony Pops Junior Art Show and by Adam Ludovicz, Brian Perry, Jonathan Doehler, Jeffrey Sanson, and John Van Gyzen in the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Show.

Staff Honors and Achievement:

At the graduation ceremony, Dr. Richard Kisiel was presented with an award for "Outstanding Leadership" and Mr. Arthur Almeida was the recipient of the annual "Student Appreciation Award." At the end of the year luncheon, Mrs. Judith Bertozzi was honored by her colleagues as the "Teacher of the Year."

Concluding Remarks:

As I contemplated what has transpired at Dighton Middle School over the past year, my thoughts keep focusing on people. Some key positions in the district have undergone a change. Certain people who have left the district deserve the thanks and appreciation of all connected with Dighton Middle School. Best wishes go to Dr. Richard Kisiel, the outgoing superintendent, Joseph Delude, former business manager, and Arthur Almeida, the recently retired, long-time school committee member. All three of these gentlemen performed in a highly effective, professional manner. Personally, I am forever grateful for their support, especially during the aftermath of the DMS fire and the planning and construction of the new school.

In closing, I speak on behalf of the DMS community on congratulating Dr. Francis Connor on his appointment as our new superintendent. The Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District is in extremely capable hands as it moves towards the 21st century.

Paul N. Swett
Principal

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL OF THE DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

I hereby submit my second report as supervising principal of the Dighton Elementary School:

Personnel:

1. Ms. Stephanie Farley was hired as a second grade teacher at Dighton Elementary School. Ms. Farley holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Dayton, Dayton OH and is certified in both elementary education and special needs.
2. Ms. Suzanne Lazzara was hired as a third grade teacher at Dighton Elementary School. Ms. Lazzara holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Curry College, Milton, MA and is certified in both elementary education and special needs.
3. Mrs. Nancy McGonagle was hired as a special education teacher for grade 3 and grade 4. Mrs. McGonagle holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Rhode Island and is a Master of Education candidate at Lesley College, Cambridge, MA. Mrs. McGonagle was previously employed by the Wellesley, MA school department and is certified in both elementary education and special needs.
4. Mrs. Jacqueline Ulmschneider was hired as the teacher for the **Little Rascal's Preschool**. Mrs. Ulmschneider holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in elementary education from Bridgewater State College. She was previously employed by the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District as a speech and language tutor and as an instructional learning assistant.
5. Mrs. Cynthia Monahan was hired as a part-time instructional learning assistant for the morning kindergarten session. Mrs. Monahan holds a Master of Education Degree from Rhode Island College. She has fourteen years experience in elementary education.
6. Ms. Mary Rourke has assumed the duties of our special education coordinator upon the departure of Mrs. Ann DiDomenico, who is now the psychologist at Beckwith Middle School. Ms. Rourke has worked in the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District for six years, most currently here at Dighton Elementary School as the special education teacher in grade 1 and in grade 2. She has retained these teaching duties as well as those of coordinator.

Curriculum and Programs:

In the area of curriculum, the school district has implemented a new mathematics program in grades 1-4. We are using the Houghton-Mifflin **Math Central** series that stresses hands-on activities, as well as open-ended questions and critical problem solving. Teachers have been receiving on-going technical support for teaching with this series.

Savings Makes "Cents" and **Junior Achievement** are two programs that have continued here at Dighton Elementary School. This year we have seen the **Junior Achievement Program** expanded to include grades 2-4. The format for each program is as follows: grade 2, Our Community; grade 3, Our City; and grade 4, Our Region. The curriculum in **Junior Achievement** complements and parallels our existing social studies curriculum.

Dighton Elementary School played host from September, 1997 through January, 1998 to a visiting Japanese teaching intern. To promote diversity in our school, we invited Ms. Miyuki Nabeshima to spend five months with us. Ms. Nabeshima has worked with teachers in all grades and disciplines to expose students to Japanese language, geography, and culture. This program, made possible through the Japanese School Teaching Assistant Program, has been an enjoyable as well as educational experience for students and staff alike.

At DES, we have adopted a process of learning science that stresses hands-on activities including push and pull lessons; growing plants; rocks and minerals; weather; magnets and electricity; living things; light and color; dinosaurs; states of mater; water cycles; pollution; energy; the Solar System and Earth's land resources. We were visited by representatives from the Museum of Science who brought an inflatable plastic dome about twelve feet high and twenty-five feet across which projects a realistic model of the night sky.

The first annual science fair was held for grades 3 and 4. All projects were experiment-based and went hand in hand with the new science curriculum.

Family Math and Science Nights were held in grades K, 1, and 4.

Staff Achievements:

Knowing that professionals always stay abreast of current trends in their fields, ten faculty members completed one or more graduate courses over the past year. Also, Mr. Brian Michaud completed his Masters of Science Degree in music education from the University of Connecticut.

In June, 1997, the faculty selected Mrs. Maureen Borghesani as recipient of the Golden Apple Award. This award is also referred to as **Teacher of the Year** and is sponsored by the Dighton Parent Teacher Organization.

Community Involvement:

The staff at Dighton Elementary School works closely with many community members. The Dighton Council on Aging and Dighton Elementary School have had many opportunities for intergenerational activities. These included a card exchange, pen pals, caroling and holiday parties.

Students at Dighton Elementary School were quite busy with two clothing drives. The first was to benefit families left homeless by a devastating fire in Providence, RI and the second, to supply much needed clothing to patients at Taunton State Hospital. Students also participated in the Thanksgiving food drive to help local families and a penny collection to help the Dighton Lions Club with their annual Christmas Drive.

Students in grades 2-4 participated in the St. Jude Hospital Math-a-thon. One hundred thirteen children raised $5,022.02 by pledging to do math problems. A spokesperson for the hospital stated that this is more than any other school has raised.

We have been working with Dighton Cooperative Productions to provide "work" for their clients. This agency services clients with severe special needs.

At Thanksgiving, patients at the Dighton Nursing Home were the recipients of some wonderful home-made goodies thanks to the efforts of the first grade teachers, parents, and children.

Other community groups that visited or contributed to the schools included the Dighton Fire Department, the Dighton Police Department, representatives of the Dighton branch of the Bank of Fall River, and the Dighton Dandelions. Community members also come into Dighton Elementary School to read to classes, tutor individual students or do clerical work. We have benefited greatly from the commitment.

The Dighton Elementary School Council serves as an advisory board to the principal. For the 1997-98 school year, the council will oversee three school improvements plans. The first of these, "to empower students to identify, understand, and accept the rights and responsibilities of belonging to a diverse community" is a continuation of the 1996-97 school improvement plan. The second goal is "to teach students the skills and concepts necessary to become successful problem solvers." Our action plan states that all grade level teams will work together to ensure the implementation of the plans developed by them which encourage the use of open-ended questions. Our final plan is "to improve communication between home and school." To meet this goal, we have written a **Parent/Student/Teacher Compact** that defines the goals, expectations, and shared responsibilities of our school, our parents, and our students in the learning experience. We have redesigned the **Student/ Parent Handbook** and our **Meet the Teacher Night**. We are also in the process of restructuring our reporting system to make parents aware of their children's progress.

Members of the 1997-98 School Council are:

Sandra Curtis	Principal
Lillian Brodie	Community Representative
Shirley DeMello	Teacher
Christine Jackson	Parent Representative
Judith Keegan	Community Representative
Maryellen Kelley	Teacher
Kathleen Souza	Parent Representative
Mary Sullivan	Parent Representative

Much gratitude is due to the council members who finished their term in June, 1997. They include Ann Emerson, teacher; Lisa Gay, parent; Carole Horsman, parent; and, Alice Souza, community representative.

A Dighton Elementary School Building Committee was formed to oversee a proposed renovations and building project that is necessary to accommodate the Dighton Elementary School kindergarten classes and projected population growth.

Student Achievement:

The third graders at Dighton Elementary School were tested in April, 1997. The instrument used was the **Iowa Test of Basic Skills.** The result of that test was as follows:

Test	National Percentile
Vocabulary	82%
Reading Comprehension	68%
Total Reading	75%
Spelling	73%

We are pleased with these results.

Concluding Remarks:

It is my second year as principal of Dighton Elementary School. It is a school in which the faculty gives 100% of its time and effort to ensure that students receive the instruction that they will need to succeed. It is a school where the students are well behaved and motivated to learn. It is a school where both faculty and students do for others less fortunate. It is a school where parents have a genuine interest in the education of their children. It is a wonderful school and I am fortunate to part of it.

In closing, I would like to thank all, from the custodial staff through the superintendent of schools, for their help and patience through the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Curtis, Principal

DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PERSONNEL

Principal	College/University/Degree	Appointed
Sandra Curtis	Bridgewater State College, C.A.G.S.	1994

Faculty	College/University/Degree	Appointed
Kindergarten:		
Nancy Blythe	Rhode Island College, B.A.	1993
Louise C. Borges	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1974
Grade 1:		
Shirley DeMello	Rhode Island College, M.Ed.	1995
Nancy Durfee	Murray State College, B.S.	1962
Cheryl Szostek	Anna Maria College, B.A.	1970
Carol Wilkerson	Roger Williams College, B.S.	1972
Grade 2:		
Elaine Almeida	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1978
Ann Emerson	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1975
Diane Rasmussen	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1975
Grade 3:		
Katherine Curneen	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1973
Jane Gonzalski	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1975
Donna Sunderlund	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1970
Grade 4:		
John Durkee	Worcester State College, M.Ed.	1988
Maryellen Kelley	Rhode Island College, B.S.	1988
Alice Lopresti	Bridgewater State College, B.S.	1973
Sherry Tibbetts	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1981
Music:		
Brian Michaud	University of Connecticut, M.E.	1995
Art:		
Dolores Johnson	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1965
Physical Education:		
Jeffrey White	Bridgewater State College, M.S.	1974
Enrichment Specialist:		
Karen Rose	Northeastern University, B.S.	1996
Chapter I:		
Maureen Borgesani	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1993

Library Facilitator:

Marsha Kimpton	Fitchburg State College, B.S.	1985

SPECIAL SERVICES

Faculty	College/University/Degree	Appointed
Mary Jo DeSilva	University of Phoenix, M.Ed.	1981
Valerie Pillarella	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1976
Annette Soares	Bridgewater State College, B.A.	1987

Adjustment Counselor:

Arthur Arkanase	Boston University, M.Ed.	1980

Psychologist:

William Wade	Providence College, M.Ed.	1978

Adaptive Physical Education:

Linda Miller	Rhode Island College, B.S.	1988

Secretary:
Mary Perry (Principal's Secretary)

ILA'S/Teacher Aides/Office/Library/Nurse Assistants:
Betty Lou Aghkadian (TA)
Nancy Collins (ILA)
Eugenia Andrade (OA)
Patricia Miller (ILA)
Irene Bilodeau (SPED OA)
Elizabeth Needs (ILA)
Dayle Bradshaw (ILA)
Dorothy Torres (ILA)

Custodians:
Richard DuBois (Head)
Manual Amaral
David Arruda

DIGHTON MIDDLE SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Principal	College/University/Degree	Appointed
Paul Swett	University of MA., C.A.G.S.	1987

Faculty	College/University/Degree	Appointed
Grade 5:		
David Avila	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1973
Wendy Cute	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1974
Jesse Perry	Rhode Island College, B.S.	1978
Timothy Sullivan	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1979

Grade 6:

Deborah Sullivan	University of Miami, M.Ed.	1993
Brenda Patten	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1982
Linda Roy	Southeastern MA. University, B.A.	1978

Grade 7:

James McClellan	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1971
Judith Parker	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1972
Louis Silvia, Jr.	Bridgewater State College, B.A.	1975
Patricia Snee	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1988
Susan Warren	Southeastern MA. University, B.A.	1993

Grade 8:

Jean Dennis	Bridgewater State College, B.S.	1969
Mary Machado	Stonehill College, B.S.	1970
Michael Milano	Providence College, B.A.	1997
Paula North	Western State College, M.Ed	1977
Steven Piette	Rhode Island College, B.A.	1992

Educational Technology Specialist:

Raymond Medeiros	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1969

Technology Education:

Carl Peterson	Rhode Island College, B.S.	1992

Music:

Mary Wilusz	Lowell State College, B.M.	1995

Enrichment Specialist:

Paulette Angell	McGill University, B.S.	1996

Consumer and Family Science:

Nancy Schroeder	Framingham State College, B.S.	1977

Health/Physical Education:

Kathryn Fontes	University of Rhode Island, B.S	1993
John Masciarelli	Boston University, B.A.	1966

Art:

Judith Bertozzi	Lesley College, M.Ed.	1992

School Psychologist:

William Wade	Providence College, M.Ed.	1978

Guidance:

Katheryn Gilbert	Assumption College, M.Ed.	1994

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Faculty	College/University/Degree	Appointed
Dawn Camire	Rhode Island College, B.A.	1996
Mary Jo DeSilva	University of Phoenix, M.Ed.	1981
Valerie Pillarella	Fitchburg State University, M.Ed.	1971
Mary Rourke	Rhode Island College, M.Ed.	1992
Annette Soares	Bridgewater State College, B.A.	1987

Library Media Specialist:

Lynn Ingram	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1995

Secretary:

Susan Marsden (Principal's Secretary)

ILA'S/Teacher Aides/Library/Nurse Assistants:

Judy Lake (ILA)
Brooke O'Meara (ILA)
Susan Murphy (OA/NA)
Jacqueline Puccini (ILA)
Norma Masciarelli (SPED OA)
Denise McGuirk (ILA)

Custodians:

Richard DuBois (Head)
Edward DeMoura
George Amaral (p/t)
John Lavigne
Donald Chaloux

Cafeteria:

Judith Souza (Head)
Sharon Neronha
Anne Ferris
Carol Zucco
Margaret Mendonca

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
PERSONNEL

Principal	College/University/Degree	Appointed
Trent R. Danella	Rhode Island College, M.Ed.	1971
Assistant Principal		
Paul Giannakoulis (p/t)	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1970
George H. Petrin	University of Illinois, M.Ed.	1972
Director of Vocational Education		
Francis M. Marcille	Northeastern University, M.Ed.	1960
Director of Guidance		
William F. Henry	Boston College, C.A.G.S.	1976
Giuidance Counselors		
Jeanne Laffoley	Rhode Island College, M.Ed.	1974
John Laffoley	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1969
Secretaries		
Sharon Araujo, Head Secretary	Martha Gordon	
Jean Bzdula	Theresa Matteson	
Deborah Horton	Mildred Sullivan	
Library Media Specialist		
Cynthia Bergeron	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1980
Library/Media Aides/Assistants/Instructional Learning Assistants		
Jennie Brin-MacLeod	Nancy Pearson	
Maureen Courcy	Kimberly Sargent	
James DeBlois	Heather Tripp	
Theresa Matteson	Jennifer Turner	
Vocational High School		
Robert Bramwell	Fitchburg State College, VC, M.Ed.	1974
Richard Colby	Rhode Island College, VC, M.Ed.	1979
Kenneth Labonte	Fitchburg State College, VC, M.Ed.	1973
Alfred Rose	Fitchburg State College, VC, M.Ed.	1978
Edwin Ranney	Fitchburg State College, VC, M.Ed.	1973
Industrial Arts		
Robert Bramwell	Fitchburg State College, VC, M.Ed.	1974
Edwin Ranney	Fitchburg State College, VC, M.Ed.	1973

Art

Senior Teacher:

Glenn Davis	Cranbrook Academy of Art, M.F.A.	1979
Wendy Rutkowski	Bridgewater State College, M.A.T.	1990

Planning Center

Charlene Guibeau	New Hampshire College, M.S.	1987

Business Education

Department Chairperson:

Mary Carter	Providence College, M.Ed.	1970
Patricia Geary	Plymouth State College, B.S.	1993
Theresa Murphy	Fitchburg State College, M.Ed.	1972

English

Department Chairperson:

Jeffrey Day	University of Maine, M.Ed.	1975
William Cuthbertson	Springfield College, M.Ed.	1978
B. Carol Day	University of Rhode Island, M.A.T.	1978
Francis J. Duart	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1967
Stanley Franczyk	Briar Cliff College, B.A.	1984
Janet Gately	James Madison University, M.Ed.	1993
David A. Marsden	Northeastern University, M.A.T.	1965
Marilyn Martel	Fitchburg State College, M.Ed.	1974
Stewart Palmer	Bridgewater State College, M.A.T.	1993

Reading Specialist

Lois A. Hubbard	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1970

Foreign Language

Department Chairperson:

Louise Mahoney	Providence College, M .A.T.	1979
Victor Augusto	University of MA, Dartmouth, B.A.	1994
Kathleen Burke	New York University, Spain, M.A.	1975
Maria DeAguiar	Brown University, M.A.T.	1994
Holly Lowell	Simmons College, M.A.T.	1994
Elaine Silvestre	Fitchburg State College, M.Ed.	1985

Home Economics

Dawn Skitt	University of Rhode Island, B.A.	1994

Home Economics - Child Care & Development

Carole Goldman	University of Rhode Island, VC&B.S.	1974

Mathematics

Department Chairperson:

Suzanne Flaherty	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1968
Salvatore Caiozzo	Providence College, M.Ed.	1983

Michelle Deschenes	Fitchburg State College, M.Ed.	1982
Scott Eaton	Fitchburg State College, M.Ed.	1987
Patricia L. Fay	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1971
Glen A. Field	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1973
Joseph Flaherty	Boston College, M.Ed.	1969
Ann Paglione	Providence College, B.A.	1984
Ann Prescott	Bates College, B.S.	1969
Ann Rabouin	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1969

Music

Senior Teacher:

Carolyn Conrad	Boston University, M.Ed.	1979

Health/Physical Education

Senior Teacher:

Richard Ruggeiro	Providence College, M.Ed.	1966
Karen Dobbs	Boston College, M.Ed.	1989
Karen Ives	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1974
David Morgado	Fitchburg State College, M.A.	1983

Science

Department Chairperson:

David Harwood	Southeastern MA University, M.Ed.	1970
Judith E. Brown	University of MA, B.S.	1977
Michael Cichon	Fitchburg State College, M.Ed.	1983
Fred Hallal	Johnson & Wales University, M.S.	1981
Theodore Lippold	Oberlin College, M.A.T.	1971
Cynthia McCabe	Rhode Island College	1995
Jeffrey Schoonover	University of MA., N.Dartmouth, B.S.	1994
Robert Thayer	Worcester Polytech. Inst., M.Ed.	1982
Elizabeth Walsh	Boston University, B.S.	1993

Social Studies

Department Chairperson:

William J. Cute, Jr.	Providence College, M.Ed.	1973
Jonathan Corey	Rhode Island College, B.A.	1993
David Driscoll	Providence College, M.Ed.	1978
Roger S. Duarte	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1968
Paul Giannakoulis	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1970
Orin F. Holmes	Brown University, M.A.T.	1969
Alison King	Rhode Island College, B.A.	1995
Kerry McElroy	Rhode Island College, B.A.	1993
Michael Monaghan	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1972

Distributive Education

Senior Teacher:

Donald Murray	Providence College, M.Ed.	1979

Special Services

Department Chairperson:

Corinne Pridham	Rhode Island College, C.A.G.S.	1975
Mary Corry	Rhode Island College, M.Ed.	1984
Maria I. Dunn	Worcester State School, M.S.	1990
Laura Hoey	Bridgewater State College, M.Ed.	1993
Jane Hunt	Providence College, M.Ed.	1982
Anthony Martin	Univ. of MA., Dartmouth, B.S.	1990
Sheryl McGovern	Rhode Island College, B.S.	1995
Mary Walsh	Cambridge College, M.Ed.	1972

Adaptive Physical Education

Linda Miller	Rhode Island College, B.S.	1988

Studyhall Proctor

Barbara Horton

Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds

Matthew Tobin

Custodians

Jacques Alves
Robert Brazil
Joseph Cordeiro
Almon Hopkins
Leslie Horton
Gregory Olsen
Aurilio Silvestre
William Welch

Cafeteria

Dorothy Delsignore, Manager
Carol Abrams
Gail Fisher
Helen Griffith
Geraldine Pontes
Mary Rabbitt
Jacqueline Rebello

Monitors

Diane Ondrick
John Rabbitt

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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RECEIPTS

ASSESSMENTS MEMBER TOWN	$8,847,741.
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS:	
CHAPTER 70, SCHOOL AID	6,956,895.
TRANSPORTATION	414,928.
S.B.A.B. CAPITAL PROJECTS	1,066,056.
GRANTS	342,686.
INTEREST	63,512.
SCHOOL RENTAL	1,988.
MISCELLANEOUS	2,041.
STATE WARDS	37,256.
REFUNDS\REBATES\REIMBURSEMENTS	10,059.
R.A.N. & B.A.N.	1,418,500.
REVOLVING ACCOUNTS	548,508.
TOTAL	19,710,170.

D-R OPERATING BUDGET ACCOUNTS F/Y 96

		BUDGETED	EXPENDED	ACCT. PAYABLE	ENCUMBERED	BALANCE.
1000	ADMINISTRATION	426,073.00	429,413.69	5,151.98	1,253.23	(9,745.90)
2000	INSTRUCTIONAL	2,767,914.00	2,770,739.44	8,151.45	22,729.30	(33,706.19)
3000	OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	497,691.00	493,201.97	1,565.00	1,547.25	1,376.78
4000	OPERATION & MAINT PLANT	650,129.00	592,267.00	20,565.41	18,620.60	18,675.99
5000	FIXED CHARGES	620,171.00	567,950.54	0.00	20,057.00	32,163.46
7000	ACQ. FIXED ASSETS	57,000.00	56,414.41	0.00	0.00	585.59
9000	PROGRAMS OTHER DISTRICTS	7,458.00	8,594.57	0.00	0.00	(1,136.57)
	SPECIAL EDUCATION	417,238.00	416,462.22	1,913.95	115.47	(1,253.64)
	BILINGUAL	0 00	0.00	0 00	0 00	0 00
	VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	632,503.00	610,889.33	7,335.13	17,606.04	(3,327.50)
	TOTALS	**6,076,177.00**	**5,945,933.17**	**44,682.92**	**81,928.89**	**3,632.02**

DIGHTON K-8 OPERATING BUDGET ACCOUNTS F/Y 96

		BUDGETED	EXPENDED	ACCT. PAYABLE	ENCUMBERED	BALANCE.
1000	ADMINISTRATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2000	INSTRUCTIONAL	1,947,036.00	1,938,636.56	8,029.96	31,828.37	(31,458.89)
3000	OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	178,695.00	170,839.92	226.01	0.00	7,629.07
4000	OPERATION & MAINT PLANT	391,572.00	333,009.99	12,627.74	27,678.97	18,255.30
5000	FIXED CHARGES	300,132.00	293,629.94	0.00	0.00	6,502.06
7000	ACQ. FIXED ASSETS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9000	PROGRAMS OTHER DISTRICTS	8,180.00	8,322.95	750.00	0.00	(892.95)
	SPECIAL EDUCATION	858,235.00	680,368.94	88,295.53	26,112.76	63,457.77
	BILINGUAL	7,052.00	2,916.09	26.98	0.00	4,108.93
	VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTALS	**3,690,902.00**	**3,427,724.39**	**109,956.22**	**85,620.10**	**67,601.29**

REHOBOTH K-8 OPERATING BUDGET ACCOUNTS F/Y 96

		BUDGETED	EXPENDED	ACCT. PAYABLE	ENCUMBERED	BALANCE.
1000	ADMINISTRATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2000	INSTRUCTIONAL	3,407,102.00	3,330,739.66	14,306.54	56,708.25	5,347.55
3000	OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	295,348.00	298,058.25	1,462.92	0.00	(4,173.17)
4000	OPERATION & MAINT PLANT	491,759.00	452,957.02	15,341.21	4,963.03	18,497.74
5000	FIXED CHARGES	533,690.00	537,790.73	0.00	0.00	(4,100.73)
7000	ACQ. FIXED ASSETS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9000	PROGRAMS OTHER DISTRICTS	15,730.00	9,654.10	1,250.00	0.00	4,825.90
	SPECIAL EDUCATION	1,231,684.00	1,134,626.32	88,487.80	26,792.12	(18,222.24)
	BILINGUAL	7,052.00	7,768.79	0.00	0.00	(716.79)
	VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS		**5,982,365.00**	**5,771,594.87**	**120,848.47**	**88,463.40**	**1,458.26**

FUND EQUITY ACCOUNTS

#3000-FUND EQUITY RESERVED - ASSESSMENT REDUCTION

July 1, 1995	Balance		213,747.00
Receipts:	Transfer from Unreserved Fund Equity	119,499.00	
	Miscellaneous Accounts	67,146.00	186,645.00
			400,392.00
Expenditures:	Assessment Reduction F/Y 96		213,747.00
June 30, 1996	BALANCE (assmt. red. F/Y 97)		186,645.00

#3001 - FUND EQUITY RESERVED - FUEL AND ELECTRIC

July 1, 1995	Balance	350.00
June 30, 1996	BALANCE	350.00

#3002 - FUND EQUITY RESERVED - MEDICAL SECURITY

July 1, 1995	Balance	31,058.71
Expenditures:	Transfer From Fund Equity Unreserved	0.00
June 30, 1996	BALANCE	31,058.71

#3003 - FUND EQUITY RESERVED - SPECIAL EDUCATION

July 1,1995	Balance	35,619.00
June 30, 1996	BALANCE	35,619.00

#3010 - FUND EQUITY - UNRESERVED

July 1, 1995	Balance		353,000.41
Receipts:	Close Out - Estimated Receipts	351.79	
	Close Out- School Rental	1,988.18	
	Close Out - Bills From Previous Years	20,131.72	
	Close Out - Budget Surplus F/Y 96	72,691.57	
	Close Out - Cobra	121.10	
	Close Out - Interest Received	63,462.15	
	Close Out - State Wards -	37,256.00	
			196,002.51
			549,002.92
Expenditures:	Transfer To Unemployment Compensation Account	28,000.00	
	Transfer to Assessment Reduction F/Y 97	119.499.00	147,499.00
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		401,503.92

#3015 - AUTHORIZED DEFERRAL OF TEACHERS PAYROLL

July 1, 1995	Balance	(228,855.00)
	Receipts: 1996 Capital Assessments	76,200.00
June 30, 1996	BALANCE	(152,655.00)

REVOLVING ACCOUNTS

#2601 - ACTIVITIES - DIGHTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

July 1, 1995	Balance		116.00
Receipts:	School Dances		348.00
			464.00
Expenditures:	Payroll		464.00
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		0.00

#2602 - ACTIVITIES - REHOBOTH - ELEMENTARY

July 1, 1995	Balance		3.35
Receipts:			0.00
			3.35
Expenditures:			0.00
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		3.35

#2603 - ACTIVITIES - REHOBOTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

July 1, 1995	Balance		378.70
Receipts:	User Fees		0.00
			378.70
Expenditures:	Transportation		0.00
			0.00
	Supplies		0.00
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		378.70

#2604 - ADULT EDUCATION

July 1, 1995	Balance		1,012.70
Receipts:	Tuition		6,237.00
			7,249.70
Expenditures:	Salaries	2,550.00	
	Miscellaneous	2,199.70	
	Refunds	0.00	
	Contracted Services	2,500.00	7,249.70
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		0.00

#2605 - ATHLETIC REVOLVING - D-R

July 1, 1995	Balance		8,304.74
Receipts:	Calendar Sales	3,205.00	
	User Fees	0.00	
	Gate - Football	4,170.50	
	Gate - Basketball	5,085.00	
	Miscellaneous	3,985.00	16,445.50
			24,750.24
Expenditures:	Officials/Police	2,743.00	
	Supplies/Uniforms	3,852.24	
	Miscellaneous (clinics/dues/trophies/etc)	11,664.08	18,259.32
			6,490.92
	Warrant Payable		1,979.14
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		4,511.78

#2606 - BECKWITH - SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

July 1, 1995	Balance			187.59
June 30, 1996	BALANCE			187.59

#2607- 2608 - CAFETERIA - D-R

July 1, 1995	Balance			43,288.04
Receipts:	Student	90,656.80		
	Student/Milk	3,858.65		
	Alacarte	36,566.50		
	Adult	10,409.35		
	Elderly	1,658.00		
	Other	8,936.43	152,085.73	
	Commonwealth of Mass.		18,322.09	
	Commonwealth of Mass. (Elderly Reimbursement)		2,966.05	
	Meals Tax		520.63	
	No Check (Comm. of Mass.)		1,265.20	
				175,159.70
				218,447.74
Expenditures:	Payroll	76,886.26		
	Contracted Services	0.00		
	Supplies	12,487.38		
	Food and Milk	75,281.30		
	Miscellaneous	145.75		
	Equipment	0.00		
	Maintenance and Repairs	1,127.90	165,928.59	
	Meals Tax		510.65	
	No Check (Commodities)		1,265.20	167,704.44
June 30, 1996	BALANCE			50,743.30

#2609 - 2610 - CAFETERIA - DIGHTON

July 1, 1995	Balance			29,493.60
Receipts:	Student	65,476.24		
	Student/Milk	3,346.65		
	Alacarte	4,239.75		
	Adult	3,603.21		
	K-Milk	296.50		
	Other	792.80	77,755.15	
	Commonwealth of Mass.		28,128.63	
	Meals Tax		181.19	
	No Check (Comm. of Mass.)		786.73	106,851.70
				136,345.30
Expenditures:	Payroll	53,554.03		
	Food and Milk	38,270.03		
	Equipment	1,978.25		
	Maintenance and Repairs	323.33		

	Contracted Services	0.00		
	Supplies	4,805.05		
	Miscellaneous	75.38	99,006.07	
	Meals Tax		191.09	
	No Check (Commodities)		786.73	99,983.89
June 30, 1996	BALANCE			36,361.41

#2611 - 2612 - CAFETERIA - REHOBOTH

July 1, 1995	Balance			37,217.33
Receipts:	Student	95,065.36		
	Student/Milk	6,311.90		
	Alacarte	18,942.15		
	Adult	10,551.33		
	K-Milk	882.40		
	Other	438.72	132,191.86	
	Commonwealth of Mass.		37,654.69	
	Meals Tax		527.63	
	No Check (Comm. of Mass.)		1,350.28	171,724.46
				208,941.79
Expenditures:	Payroll	99,022.76		
	Contracted Services	0.00		
	Supplies	9,575.99		
	Food and Milk	72,475.77		
	Equipment	0.00		
	Miscellaneous	449.63		
	Maintenance and Repairs	91.42	181,615.57	
	Meals Tax		518.67	
	No Check (Commodities)		1,350.28	183,484.52
June 30, 1996	BALANCE			25,457.27

#2613 - CHAPTER 88 D-R INDUSTRIAL ARTS

July 1, 1995	Balance	1,768.34
Receipts:	Projects	298.00
		2,066.34
Expenditures:	Supplies	1,145.36
June 30, 1996	BALANCE	920.98

#2614 - CHAPTER 88 DIGHTON INDUSTRIAL ARTS

July 1, 1995	Balance	1,931.38
	Warrant Payable	737.22
June 30, 1996	BALANCE	1,194.16

#2615 - CHAPTER 773 D-R

July 1, 1995	Balance	100.00
Receipts:	Services	871.12
		971.12
Expenditures:	Payroll	971.12
June 30, 1996	BALANCE	0.00

#2616 - CHAPTER 773 DIGHTON

July 1, 1995	Balance	0.00
Receipts:	Services	1,207.92
		1,207.92
Expenditures:	Payroll	1,207.92
June 30, 1996	BALANCE	0.00

#2617 - CHAPTER 773 REHOBOTH

July 1, 1995	Balance	130.00
Receipts:	Services	4,007.30
		4,137.30
Expenditures	Payroll	4,018.02
June 30, 1996	BALANCE	119.28

#2618 - BECKWITH CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

July 1, 1995	Balance	20,812.90
Receipts:	Bond Anticipation Notes	0.00
		20,812.90
Expenditures:	Bills	91.58
June 30, 1996		20,721.32

#2619 - PALMER RIVER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

July 1, 1995	Balance	30,442.10
Receipts:	Bond Anticipation Notes	0.00
		30,442.10
Expenditures:	Bills	149.42
June 30, 1996		30,292.68

#2620 - DONATION - DIGHTON-REHOBOTH HIGH SCHOOL

July 1, 1995	Balance	60.00
Receipts:		0.00
		60.00
Expenditures:		60.00
June 30, 1996	BALANCE	0.00

#2621 - DONATION - DIGHTON SCHOOLS

July 1, 1995	Balance		101.00
Receipts:			0.00
			101.00
Expenditures:	Warrant Payable		94.18
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		6.82

#2622 - DONATION - BECKWITH MIDDLE SCHOOL

July 1, 1995	Balance		463.69
Receipts:	Donations		129.25
			592.94
Expenditures:	River School		507.95
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		84.99

#2623 - EARLY CHILDHOOD PLAYGROUP DONATION

July 1, 1995	Balance		170.04
Receipts:			0.00
			170.04
Expenditures:	Books, Supplies, etc.		34.59
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		135.45

#2624 - QUEST DONATIONS ACCOUNT

July 1, 1995	Balance		4,429.33
Receipts:	Donations		0.00
			4,429.33
Expenditures:	Transfer From Quest Grant		1,200.00
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		3,229.33

#2625 - 2626 - DISTRIBUTIVE/MARKETING EDUCATION

July 1, 1995	Balance		1,867.20
Receipts:	Sales	5,449.02	
	Sales Tax	3.15	5,452.17
			7,319.37
Expenditures:	Sales Tax	3.15	
	Contracted Services	3,931.27	
	Supplies	718.41	
	Miscellaneous	905.40	5,558.23
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		1,761.14

#2627 - MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION

July 1, 1995			1,699.44
Receipts:	Foundation Check		32,000.00
			33,699.44
Expenditures:	Scholarship Winners		29,699.44
June 30, 1996			4,000.00

#2628 - PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

July 1, 1995			601.24
Expenditures:			327.24
June 30, 1996			274.00

#2629 - PLAY SCHOOL

July 1, 1995	Balance		10,091.94
Receipts:	F/Y 96 Tuition	11,500.00	
	F/Y 97 Tuition	1,275.00	
	Graduation Dinner	789.50	13,564.50
			23,656.44
Expenditures:	Supplies	7,123.83	
	Salaries	7.500.00	
	Equipment	842.06	
	Miscellaneous	25.00	15,490.89
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		8,165.55

#2639 - PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM (DIGHTON)

July 1, 1995	Balance		0.00
Receipts:	F/Y 96 Tuition	225.00	
	F/Y 97 Tuition	400.00	
			625.00
			625.00
Expenditures:			236.35
June 30, 1996	June 30, 1996		388.65

#2630 - PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM (REHOBOTH)

July 1, 1995	Balance		150.00
Receipts:	F/Y 96 Tuition	25.00	
	F/Y 97 Tuition	400.00	
			425.00
			575.00
Expenditures:			0.00
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		575.00

#2631 - REFUNDING D-R BONDS

July 1, 1995	Balance	15,719.85
Expenditures:		15,719.85
June 30, 1996	BALANCE	0.00

#2635 - KENNETH R. TROMMER FUND

July 1, 1995	Balance	828.51
Receipts:	Interest	32.76
		861.27
Expenditures:	Sports Trophies	0.00
June 30, 1996	BALANCE	861.27

#2636 - WILLIAM BLEAU ATHLETIC ACCOUNT

July 1, 1995	Balance		508.25
Expenditures:	Student memorial plaque		508.25
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		0.00

#2837 - UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

July 1, 1995	Balance		18,639.28
Receipts:	Interest	620.75	
	Transfer from Fund Equity Unreserved	28,000.00	28,620.75
			47,260.03
Expenditures:	Claims		21,947.39
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		25,312.64

#2638 - VOCATIONAL PRODUCTION

July 1, 1995	Balance		10,903.53
Receipts:	Auto	11,930.37	
	Mill	2,975.05	
	Structural	572.01	
	Machine	432.86	15,910.29
			26,813.82
Expenditures:	Auto Supplies	10,262.00	
	Machine Supplies	15.00	
	Carpentry Supplies	6,502.20	
			16,779.20
			10,034.62
	Warrant Payable		994.76
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		9,039.86

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

#5001 - C .O.B.R.A.

July 1, 1995	Balance		0 00
Receipts:	2% Over Insurance Costs		121.20
			121.20
Expenditures:	Transfer to Estimated Receipts		121.20
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		0.00

#2001 - PREVIOUS YEARS BILLS

July 1, 1995	Balance		364,929.07
Receipts:	Transfer by School Committee	0.00	
	Transfer at Year-End	256,012.39	256,012.39
			620,941.46
Expenditures:	Bills	344,797.35	
	Closed Out To Surplus Revenue	20,131.72	364,929.07
June 30, 1996	BALANCE (Encumbered For F/Y 96)		256,012.39

GRANTS

#2500	#200-206-5-0650-4		
	Sped Ed 89-313 F/Y 95		
	Support and Basic Services		
July 1, 1995	Balance		2,442.68
Expenditures:	Bills	2,400.55	
	Commonwealth of Mass.	42.13	2,442.68
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		(0.00)
#2502	#240- 171 -5-0650-4		
	Giant Step #17 F/Y95		
July 1, 1995	Balance		18,048.20
Expenditures:	Bills		18,048.20
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		0.00
#2503	#240-140-6-0650-4		
	Giant Step #18 F/Y 96		
July 1, 1995	Balance		0.00
Receipts:	Commonwealth of Mass.	156,411.00	
	No Check (Comm. of Mass.)	6,734.00	163,145.00
			163,145.00
Expenditures:	Bills	146,295.40	
	No Check (Teachers Retirement)	6,734.00	153,029.40
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		10,115.60
#2504	#244-164-5-0650-4		
	I.E.P. Training F/Y 95		
July 1, 1995	Balance		1,716.99
Expenditures:	Commonwealth of Mass.	534.32	
	Bills	1,182.67	1,716.99
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		(0.00)
#2505	DARE		
July 1,1995	Balance		0.00
Receipts:	Commonwealth of Mass.	1,800.00	
	Transfer From Quest Donation	1,200.00	3,000.00
			3,000.00
Expenditures:	Bills	2,698.00	
			302.00
	Warrant Payable		302.00
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		0.00

#2506	#251 - 184-5-0650-4		
	Sped Integration F/Y 95		
July 1, 1995	Balance		8,881.20
Expenditures:	Commonwealth of Mass.	3,999.20	
	Bills	4,882.00	8,881.20
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		0.00
#2508	#262- 121 -5-0650-4		
	Early Childhood F/Y 95		
July 1, 1995	Balance		1,466.02
Expenditures:	Bills	1,379.62	
	Commonwealth of Mass	86.40	1,466.02
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		0.00
#2509	#262-165-6-06504		
	Early Childhood F/Y 96		
July 1, 1995	Balance		0.00
Receipts:	Commonwealth of Mass.	20,314.00	
	NoCheck(Comm. of Mass.)	801.00	21,115.00
			21,115.00
Expenditures:	Bills	17,149.22	
	No Check (Teachers Retirement)	801.00	17,950.22
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		3,164.78
#2510	#275-075-5-0650-4		
	Science/Math Curriculum Study F/Y 95		
July 1, 1995	Balance		723.88
Expenditures:	Commonwealth of Mass.		723.88
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		0.00
#2512	#289-013-5-06504		
	District Professional Development F/Y 95		
.July 1, 1995	Balance		899.98
Expenditures:	Commonwealth of Mass.		899.98
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		0.00
#2514	#302-101-6-0650-4		
	Title VI (Chapter 11) D-R F/Y 96		
July 1, 1995	Balance		0.00
Receipts:	Commonwealth of Mass.		6,661.00
			6,661.00
Expenditures:	Bills		6,030.72
			630.28
	Warrant Payable		330.33
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		299.95

#2515	#303-113-5-0650-4		
	Title Il (Teachers Training Math & Science) F/Y 95		
July 1, 1995	Balance		900.00
Expenditures:	Bills		900.00
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		0.00
#2516	#303-034-6-0650-4		
	Title II (Teachers Training Math & Science) F/Y 96		
July 1, 1995	Balance		0.00
Receipts:	Commonwealth of Mass.		5,728.00
			5,728.00
Expenditures:	Bills		5,118.00
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		610.00
#2517	#305-094-5-0650-4		
	Chapter I D-R F/Y 95		
July 1, 1995	Balance		799 37
Expenditures:	Transferred To F/Y 96		799.37
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		0.00
#2518	#305-016-6-0650-4		
	Chapter I D/R F/Y 96		
July 1, 1995	Balance		0.00
Reciepts:	Transfer From F/Y 95	799.37	
	Commonwealth of Mass.	34,097.00	
	Adjustment	(0.37)	
	No Check (Comm. of Mass.)	2,229.00	37,125.00
			37,125.00
Expenditures:	Bills	33,569.65	
	No Check (Teachers Retirement)	2,229.00	
	Account Payable	0.00	35,798.65
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		1,326.35
#2519	#331 - 168-5-0650-4		
	Drug Free F/Y 95 (Quest)		
July 1, 1995	Balance		3,966.84
Expenditures:	Bills	2,840.04	
	Transfer To F/Y 96	1,126.80	3,966.84
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		0.00

#2520	#331-059-6-0650-4		
	Drug Free F/Y 96 (Quest)		
July 1, 1995	Balance		0.00
Receipts:	Commonwealth of Mass.	11,915.00	
	Transfer From F/Y 95	1,126.80	13,041.80
			13,041.80
Expenditures:	Bills		10,036.95
			3,004.85
	Warrant Payable		8.69
June 30. 1996	BALANCE		2,996.16
#2521	#349-165-5-0650-4		
	Good Health F/Y 95 (Quest)		
July 1, 1995	Balance		101.32
Expenditures:	Bills	101.32	
	Transfer To Quest Donation Account	0.00	101.32
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		0.00
#2522	#346-059-6-0650-4		
	Good Health F/Y 96 (Quest)		
July 1, 1995	Balance		0.00
Receipts:	Commonwealth of Mass.		76,282.00
			76,282.00
Expenditures:	Bills	76,248.71	
Account Payable		0.00	76,248.71
			33.29
	Warrant Payable		33.29
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		(0.00)
#2523	#600-344-3-0650-4		
	Per Pupil Grant F/Y 93		
July 1, 1995	Balance		125.12
Expenditures:	Transferred to Estirnated Receipts		125.12
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		0 00
#2524	#330-036-6-0650-4		
	ABE (ADULT HEALTH) F/Y 96		
July 1, 1995	Balance		0.00
Receipts:	Comrnonwealth of Mass.		19,370.00
			19,370.00
Expenditures:	Bills		14,963.98
			4,406.02
	Warrant Payable		61.48
June 30, 1996	BALANCE		4,344.54

Town Offices are open Monday thru Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
and Wednesday Evenings from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Selectman and Board of Health	Wednesday at 7:30 P.M.
Board of Assessors	Wednesday at 6:30 P.M.
Planning Board	First & Third Wednesdays at 7:30 P.M.
Cable Committee	Second Wednesday at 7:30 P.M.
Conservation Commission	Second Wednesday at 7:30 P.M.
Council on Aging	Second Thursday at 7:00 P.M. at Lincoln Village
Finance Committee	Third Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.
D-R Reg. School Committee	Second & Fourth Tuesdays
	Annual Meeting - Second Tuesday in April
Playground Commission	Second Thursday at 7:00 P.M.
Sewer Commission	Second & Fourth Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M.
Soil Conservation	First Monday every other month at 7:00 P.M.
Housing Authority	Second Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. at Lincoln Village

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AMBULANCE	669-6767
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	252-3541
ASSESSORS	669-5043
COUNCIL ON AGING	823-0095
DOG OFFICER	669-5004
FIRE DEPT.	669-6767
POLICE DEPT.	669-6711
PUBLIC LIBRARY	669-6421
PLANNING BOARD	669-6636
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	669-5702
SCHOOL NURSE	824-4491
SEALER OF WEIGHTS	669-6398
SEWER COMMISSION	669-5111
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE & BOARD OF HEALTH	669-6431
STREET DEPT.	669-5461
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	669-6011
TOWN CLERK, COLLECTOR & TREASURER	669-5411
VETERAN'S AGENT	669-5027